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County BZA denies Orion application for solar in Saluda Township

BY BOB DEMAREE
An application from Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC for a special exception for a solar energy development near Paynesville in Saluda Township was denied in a unanimous vote by the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals on Tuesday.

After two long meetings to hear public comments, the meeting on the board's decision took just 10 minutes with 251 people gathered in the Community Building at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Prior to the action, BZA President David Ferguson announced the public comment period was over and there would be no public comment prior to the vote. "We've done our due diligence. We've had over 10 hours of meetings. We've had 54 people speak for and against, and we've had 48 people give up their time for other people to speak, so we've got a lot of good information from both sides," Ferguson said. "We've done our own work to filter through that" including contact-

ing officials in Spencer and Jasper counties for their experience with solar in which "we've heard mixed things there, too. We've wanted to do our own homework, but we've really relied on the information that we have gotten from all of you, and it's very much appreciated that you're so passionate on each side, and using facts rather than emotion ... I've heard from other counties where it was just a free-for-all, and board members have had to be escorted out, and you guys have been very

respectful to us as a board and each other, and I hope that continues once this vote is done."

Based on six findings of fact, only one was selected as "true" or acceptable by each of the four voting board members. On the question on whether "adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided," board members Jenny Beverly and Ferguson each explained their reasoning, stating that is the role of the coun-

ty highway department and the Commissioners.

However, the response on the other five findings were all "false" or unacceptable. On the question of whether the solar project is "injurious to the use, value and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted," Ferguson said that was false "due to being injurious to the property values in the area

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Mark Campbell
Norbert Anthony "Tony" Steinhardt Jr., 81, of Madison, speaks at Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting after being named recipient of the 2024 Jon Menke Award for Military Service. Steinhardt, a local businessman and civic leader, is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Indiana National Guard.

Madison council OKs plans for stormwater, roadwork bonds

Tony Steinhardt named Menke Award recipient

BY MARK CAMPBELL
Madison City Council wrapped up a project that has been months in the making and approved a source of funding for another project that will be years in completing while also recognizing a local veteran as the 2024 recipient of the Jon Menke

Award for Military Service at its meeting on Tuesday.

The project months in the making involves final adoption of a major upgrade to the city's stormwater regulations to comply with stormwater quality mandates and address flood mitigation pertaining to future developments in the city. The council voted 6-0 in favor of the ordinance with Councilman Patrick Thevenow absent from the meeting.

The stormwater quality changes, mandated by the federal

Environmental Protection Agency and state Indiana Department of Emergency Management, are related to stormwater quality but the ordinance goes beyond that to address flood mitigation and the responsibilities of the city, property owners and developers city in an effort to counter some of the community's flash flooding risks as current and future development impacts the flow of the community's watershed.

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Bates to retire as Southwestern Superintendent

BY BOB DEMAREE
Southwestern Superintendent Jeffrey Bates submitted a letter to formally announce his intent to retire at the end of the school year during Monday's meeting of the Southwestern Jefferson County Board of Trustees.

Bates has served in the role of superintendent since being named interim superintendent in January 2019 following the resignation of Trevor Jones, and was officially named superintendent in May 2019. His retirement is effective June 30, 2025.

"After 38-1/2 years in the field of education, including 17 years as a teacher and 21 years in administrative roles, the time has come for me to embark on the next chapter of my life," Bates stated in his letter. "Reflecting on nearly four decades of service, I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to shape young minds, work with talented educators and witness the growth of countless students."

Bates said, "Serving as Superintendent of Southwestern Schools for the past six years has been an honor beyond words. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes and always prioritized the well-being and achievement of our students. In my 21 years as an administrator at Southwestern, I have worked tirelessly to create a positive and supporting learning environment for our students and to empower our teachers and staff. I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made as a district in advancing student outcomes, promoting equity and strengthening our community partnerships."

Bates was a teacher and coach in the South

Ripley Community School Corporation for 17 years before coming to Southwestern in 2005 as assistant principal at the middle and high school. In 2006, he was asked to take over as principal of the high school, a position he held through the 2018-2019 school year. He is a 1985 graduate of Indiana University, and achieved a master's degree in educational administration from Ball State University in 2005.

A 1981 Madison Consolidated High School graduate, Bates is the son of the late Jim Bates, a former Madison boys basketball coach from 1963-1969 and administrator at Madison Consolidated Schools from 1969-1990.

School Board President Rick Stockdale said the search for a new superintendent will "probably move at the first of year, if not before, to start the selection" with the hope to have a replacement by spring ahead of Bates' retirement. However, he noted, "It's all fluid" on how the selection process will be conducted.

Bates said he "considered going at the end of last year, but I decided I had another year in me." He plans to remain in the area, noting he and his wife, Rochelle, currently live in Charlestown.

"While I look forward to retirement, I will miss the daily interactions, the problem-solving and the joy of working toward a shared vision for the future of education," Bates said. "I have every confidence that the district will continue to flourish under new leadership, and I will remain an advocate for public education in any way I can."



Jeffrey Bates
Southwestern Schools Superintendent

CHARLIE'S BEAT

DeVito taking career to next level

This will actually be my third article covering music composer and performer, Beck DeVito. I did the first one in February 2019, when he was traveling around the country in a van with his girlfriend, occasionally swinging back into his hometown Madison to visit with his mom, Jane Vonderheide, his dad, Joe DeVito, and his brother Max.



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE'S BEAT

I did another article in January 2022, when he was settled into life in Denver, making gourmet doughnuts by day and fine tuning his musical sound and identity. At that point he was getting some traction with his music, playing a few of the local venues, and growing his online fan base. You could call it a formative phase, when he really got serious about his craft.

Now today, with this third profile

we can safely say that Beck is on the precipice of becoming a true professional musician, with a manager, a recording label, and an ever growing popularity for his unique style of original, electronic music. He's still only 25 years old, and he's still making doughnuts to supplement his income ... but I get the feeling the music may one day soon become his singular vocation.

First, for anyone who didn't read the earlier articles, a word about

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

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Jerry L. Bennett, 60, Deputy, Indiana, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, all Level 5 felonies; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a class C misdemeanor. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Tyler Ray Manbeck, 26, Vevay, Indiana, Neglect of a Dependent, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor, No bond.

Christopher Ryan Sands, 26, Madison, on a warrant for Madison felony arrest warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.

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Daniel Hunter Earl, 26, Lexington, Indiana, to hold on a parole warrant. No bond.

Scott Alan Shackelford, 34, Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$500 cash.

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Abdilahi S. Abdi, 40, Clarksville, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$100 cash.

Micah Jeremiah Storey, 34,

Cincinnati, on a warrant to hold for Cincinnati, Ohio. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Bethany Chantel Kellen, 35, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, served, with \$189 in court costs waived by the court.

Luke Allen Soule, 19, Madison, for Criminal Mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail witj credit for 2 days jail serve and 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and restitution in an amount to be determined. Probation may convert to unsupervised upon full payment of restitution.

Trevor Lane Weaver, 51, Madison, for Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days unsupervised probation plus \$189.50 in court costs.

Edward Van Beeman, 37, Dupont, Indiana, for Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 6 days jail served and 174 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$439 in fees and court costs.

Michael Paul Haney, 66, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days

jail, served plus \$189 in court costs.

Joshua M. Eggers, 42, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail, served plus \$189 in court costs.

Emily Ann Goins, 41, Madison, for Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail, served plus \$189 in court costs.

Ethan Scott Beavers, 24, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days jail served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 30-day loss of driver's license.

Harold Louis Giar, 61, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189 court costs.

Amanda Kristin Helton, 40, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 30-day loss of driver's license.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Econtourage Properties LLC to 518 Jefferson LLC, 518 Jefferson Street, Madison.

Samantha A. Dicus to Sou Chree Marn Lor and Waylon D. Discus, 420

Miller Street, Madison.

Phillip Wright to J&R Real Estate Holdings LLC, 3 tracts totaling approximately 23 acres at 5089 and 5201 North State Road 62, Madison (\$350,000).

John A. Schaeerli and Sandra L. Schaeerli to John A. Schaeerli, Sandra J. Schaeerli (trustees) and John A Schaeerli and Sandra J. Schaeerli Joint Declaration Trust, 738 West Third Street, Madison.

John A. Schaeerli and Sandra L. Schaeerli to John A. Schaeerli, Sandra J. Schaeerli (trustees) and John A Schaeerli and Sandra J. Schaeerli Joint Declaration Trust, 602 West Second Street, Madison.

John A. Schaeerli and Sandra L. Schaeerli to John A. Schaeerli, Sandra J. Schaeerli (trustees) and John A Schaeerli and Sandra J. Schaeerli Joint Declaration Trust, 5 tracts including 719 West Third Street and 415 Oak Court, Madison.

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Shawn Mitchell and Pamela Sue Douglas to Shawn Mitchell, 1640 Washington Avenue, Madison.

Boone Brothers LLC to C. Todd Boone and Joseph K. Boone, 1000+ East Fulton Road, Madison.

Rickey Lee Dixon to Rickey Lee Dixon and Vivian Denise Dixon, 716 Saddle Tree Lane, Madison.

Layman Properties LLC to Skye Brady Hampton, 869 East 400 North, Madison.

David W. Howard to Donald

Howard and Brittany Marie Howard, 213 Smith Lane, Hanover.

Kelsie M. Peters to Tristan K. Stahl, 4705 West Foltz Road, Madison.

Wade Investment Partners 301 LLC to Mad Paddle LLC, 301 and 307 West Street, Madison.

Shirley Legrand (guardian) and Dane Scott Casper to Chicken Run LLC, 2221 and 2241 Rear Lanier Drive, Madison.

Paul David Voris and Emily Beth Flinn to Andrew Mellema, 4100+ West Ten Cent Road, Hanover.

LB-Dwelling Properties V LLC and SN Servicing Corporation to MPP Rentals LL, 1277 East Telegraph Hill Road, Madison.

Roman Catholic Archdioceses of Indianapolis Properties Inc. to Roman Catholic Archdioceses of Indianapolis Properties Inc. (trustee) and Prince of Peace Catholic Church Madison Inc., 5 parcels including Prince of Peace Catholic Church and parking at 409 East Second Street, Madison.

Stephen E. Herin and Abigail L. Herin to Jeffrey R. Geisler and Deborah K. Geisler, a 1.148-acre parcel at 11613 North Barbersville Road, Madison.

Seth William Young to Shirley Suz Sachleben and Alan G. Sachleben, 1617 Oak Hill Drive, Madison.

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Brian Marshall to Ronald J. Frazee and Barbara A. Frazee (trustees & living trust), 1003 East Street, Madison.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 7-10-20-31-41-44 (11/20). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$30 million. Next Drawing (11/23).
Cash Five: 5-12-33-40-41 (11/20)
Cash 4 Life: 27-28-38-39-55 CB: 1 (11/20)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: CB 4-11-12-22 CB 2 (11/20)
Lucky For Life: 3-29-30-39-45 LB:

13 (11/20)
MEGAMILLIONS: 5-35-50-51-59 MB: 8, MP 4 (11/19). Next Jackpot: \$453 million. Next Drawing (11/22)
POWERBALL: 16-30-60-62-64 PB: 25, PP 3 (11/20). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$171 million. Next Drawing (11/23)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 3-10-37-40-68 PB: 1 (11/20). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (11/23)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:30 a.m.
Sunset: 5:25 p.m.
Temperature: High 38, Low 31, Mean 34.5, Deficit 14.5
Precipitation since last published: .73
Precipitation, November 2024: 4.70
Precipitation, 2024: 39.45
Barometer: 29.65, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.30, Steady
Forecast: Saturday: Cloudy High 48/Low 32; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 55/Low 47; Monday: Showers High 61/Low 30; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 42/Low 28.


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DEVITO

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Beck's style of music. It's an electronic form, created entirely on a computer with digitally generated tones, sounds, beats and even vocal phrases. His earlier work was mostly a more serene and haunting style known as "Chill," but in recent years he has branched into more upbeat styles of EDM (electronic dance music) like "Phonk" and "Trap." He performs under the name BACKWHEN.

If you want to get a basic understanding of these styles, go to YouTube and search "Backwhen Dreamcatcher." This is an example of his Chill style music, and this one tune has more than a quarter million views! If you want to see and hear

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

NOVEMBER 23
Suzanna Wheeler
Elliot Tompkin

NOVEMBER 25
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NOVEMBER 26
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Bill Johnson
Travis Stevens

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Jennifer Scott

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Phil Mullins

NOVEMBER 29
Connie Sachleben
Mike Sims



Handout

Beck Devito, a Madisonian whose form of electronic Chill and EDM music is taking off, just got back to his Denver home after performing in London. Devito, who goes the stage name BACKWHEN, has also played concerts in Seattle, LA, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Dallas, Houston and Atlanta.

some of the more upbeat things he does in front of live audiences, search "Backwhen Live."

I caught up with Beck by phone recently, just off a recent tour to the UK, and he envisions his future in music as very bright indeed. "The travel is one of the big differences in where my music is taking me now," relates Beck. "I just got back from London, but I've been out to Seattle, LA, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Dallas, Houston and Atlanta.

"It's a result of me signing with professional management and a bigger recording label. My first label was Vibe Digital, and

it was a great fit for where I was back then. But now I'm with Compass, which is the best label for electronic music. I also owe a lot to my manager Neil Merchant who noticed me back in 2022 and started introducing me around.

"Things are just starting to pop right now. I'm getting more opportunities through Compass, and I'm seeing a growth in my music, my sound, and my audience. It used to be that I created my music in a little closet and shared it just online. Now I'm getting out and doing more live shows, connecting with the fans.

"EDM is big now, bigger than a lot of people realize. An EDM artist called Of The Trees sold out Red Rocks recently. I actually got to open for him just last night at a sold out Ogden Theatre in Denver, and it was so cool to share my music with that kind of enthusiastic national audience.

"I feel like this is my time, right now. I'm right on the edge of doing the kind of shows and tours that will pay the bills and really let me focus full time on the music. I'll miss making doughnuts, for sure, but I've worked really hard for this and I have a good feeling about the future."

What I really like about Beck's story is the single-minded way he set himself a goal, at a very young age by the way, and then pursued it with discipline and passion. If you have a child or grandchild out there with a talent or an idea they'd like to accomplish, you should encourage them to put their mind to it and make it a reality. The path might be unconventional and it might be difficult. But if they believe in

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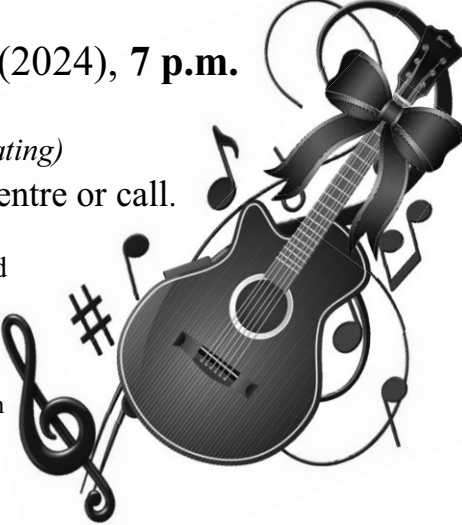
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Residences at Sunrise Crossing project to include two phases

BY BOB DEMAREE

A two-phase plan for developing the Residences at Sunrise Crossing was announced at Wednesday’s meeting of the Madison Redevelopment Commission with the sale of 4.167 acres anticipated in the next month and construction slated to begin soon after that.

The Redevelopment Commission approved dividing the sale of the 7.65-acre property located just east of Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing that is anticipated to eventually be developed into approximately 183 housing units when completed.

With a few details to complete before groundbreaking can take place, Mike Hynes, president of Winterwood Inc., told the Rede-

velopment Commission, “Big picture, within a few weeks we hope to be under construction, commencing our work,” he said.

Hynes said that “in working with the state and their underwriting and evaluation criteria, it really became apparent to us that we really need to break the project into two phases.”

Tony Steinhardt III, the city’s economic development director, said phase one will be four buildings with 96 units along with the office and necessary infrastructure including stormwater and roadway development on the side of the property that’s closest to the shopping center. He said it is anticipated that apartment units will be available for lease by spring 2026.

“Our hope is the demand is going to be very strong,” said Steinhardt. “Our current housing study shows that we can absorb 60 to 80 units easily a year for workforce housing, which this is, and there’s a high demand for that. I think the timing of this is great. This will be the first test of that, and we think we’ll be in good shape, and we’ll have a wait list, and be rolling right into phase two” on the parcel of land that is 3.483 acres.

Mayor Bob Courtney thanked Hynes for “the investment that you are making in Madison. These deals are really hard to put together when you’re trying to bring housing to a market that hasn’t seen new housing in 35 years ... There is a tremendous

pent up demand for housing all across the state and in Madison.”

Hynes said the company is ready to go on the project.

“We already have employees here. We have operations here today,” he said, but added, “we are not invested in Madison yet but we will soon be invested in Madison. We are excited about that investment, and really looking forward to it, and we really believe in the future of Madison.”

Tuesday’s action also involving waiving Winterwood’s cost of the detention basin already constructed at the site.

“That was built as part of the overall complex” with the shopping center and “their prorata share was roughly \$125,000,” said Steinhardt. “We have

already paid that through previous bills as part of the construction and the bond so we’re asking commission to give the Mayor authority to renegotiate the EDA (economic development agreement)” to allow for that, and for splitting the project into two phases.”

“That detention basin is serving a big purpose for the entire city of Madison,” said Courtney. “The cost has already been expended, and it’s part of our renegotiation with Winterwood. We think it’s a fair compromise to leave our funding in that deal and focus on the sale of two parcels in order to get the deal moving forward and get this phase of housing units delivered to the community.”

VOBC Foundation dissolves; Center has been sold

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Board of Directors of Venture Out Business Center Foundation has voted to dissolve the organization and sell the Venture Out Business Center (VOBC) building on Madison’s hilltop.

Established in 1988, the VOBC Foundation’s mission has been to serve as a local incubator

for small business, which has included operating and managing the VOBC property for over 28 years.

“Over the years, the demand for commercial real estate has replaced a need for the VOBC facility,” said VOBC Foundation Vice-President Andy Lytle. “This change no longer allows us to

effectively carry out our mission as an incubator, which has led to our Board of Directors’ decision to dissolve.”

Located at 975 Industrial Drive, the 30,000-square-foot building, is valued at \$1.1 million for Jefferson County tax valuation purposes. The board has a buyer for the building but the sale has not officially been exe-

cuted so details of the sale are being withheld.

Net proceeds of the sale will establish an Economic Development-focused endowment through the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC).

“The Community Foundation is honored to continue the legacy of the VOBC Foundation

in supporting Economic Development in Jefferson County through this new endowment,” said CFMJC President & CEO Bill Barnes. “Though the physical business incubator will close, the annual grants generated from this fund will continue to support businesses in our community for many generations to come.”

COUNCIL

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The project that will be years in completing involves authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to help pay for various capital projects and incidental expenses during the next phase of the city’s Main Street Corridor redesign and improvement project that runs from Jefferson Street in downtown Madison to the top of Hanover Hill at the intersection of Clifty Drive.

Under terms of the ordinance, the city will issue up to \$1,750,000 in general obligation bonds at an interest rate not to exceed 6%.

The money from the bonds will be used to fund a multi-million dollar Main Street Corridor overhaul as a match to state and federal grant dollars or to fund work outright.

The ordinance, which was discussed at length during a first reading at a previous meeting, was read a second time on Tuesday and drew no discussion when a required public hearing was held prior to the council’s adop-

tion. As one of the first ordinances to be adopted on two readings — a policy change the council approved a few weeks earlier — council approved the measure 6-0, allowing the city to continue the bond sale process.

At the time the council voted to move from three required readings to two, it was noted that having one less reading would allow the city to act more quickly on bond issues and contracts to perhaps counter volatile interest rates and rising construction costs.

The 2024 Jon Menke Award was presented to Colonel Norbert Anthony “Tony” Steinhardt Jr., 81, of Madison, who served not only his nation but his community as a veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne, Infantry, and Mechanized Infantry and Indiana National Guard where he Company Commander of the Madison guard unit.

The Jon Menke Award for Military Service is named in honor and recognition of the 22-year-old Madison native who died on Aug. 4, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq, while serving in the U.S. Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In other business, the



Mark Campbell

Mayor Bob Courtney shakes hands with Colonel Tony Steinhardt Jr., while presenting the retired U.S. Army and Indiana National Guard officer Madison’s 2024 Jon Menke Award for Military Service.

council heard a report by Glen Schulte, chairman of the city’s Tree Board, one the projects and work the board has done in the past year.

Schulte said the board continues to develop a project to create plaques identifying the species and other details of the trees along the riverwalk on Vaughn Drive and would like to expand that program out to include a legacy tree program to identify, map and develop a virtual tour of the most significant trees in the city. He noted, for instance, that

Madison’s Seventh Street is home to the largest ash tree in Indiana and there



Tony Steinhardt Jr. listens to a presentation on his U.S. Army, Indiana National Guard, civic, business and family accomplishments as he was named Madison’s Jon Menke Award for Military Service recipient for 2024.

Mark Campbell

are a number of sycamores in the 170-180 age range.

“There’s a really cool story behind some of our trees,” Schulte noted, later adding, “we can easily identify 100 trees well over 100 years old and we have a

number of trees that are exceptional. We have a lot to be really proud of.”

Schulte said the Tree Board will be offering trees in conjunction with

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themselves and they stick to it, success can follow.

Before we look at this weekend, let’s take a quick look out to next week, Thanksgiving, for a heads up about a couple of ticketed shows you may want to attend. On Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, the Madison all-star group The Superfectas will be playing at Red Bicycle Hall. These are all our best local musicians playing all your favorite classic rock and R&B tunes. It’s a perfect night out with your visiting family and friends. Then on the Friday after Thanksgiving, the amazing Fleetwood Mac tribute band Back to Mac will also be playing at Red Bike. Tickets for both shows are at MadTixEvents.com. Now, looking at this weekend, the Chris Jesse Band at 1st Street Saloon on Friday jumps out at me. It’s so cozy in there and such a great place to see live music. On Saturday there is a ticketed Hendrix show at Red Bike, but you also have four other choices for free music at the local bar venues. Just remember to tip the bands if you go!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20	
Rivertown Grill — Ruben Guthrie (7-10 p.m.)	The Central — Jam w/ Jimmy (7-9 p.m.)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21	
Rivertown Grill — Zach Hackney (7-10 p.m.)	Tailgators — Dewey, with special guest (8-11 p.m.)
The Drake — Justin Chappell (7-9 p.m.)	1st-N-Last Roadhouse (North Vernon) — Joe & Deano
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22	
Downtown Madison — Fourth Friday	First Street Saloon — Chris Jesse Band
Tailgators — Karaoke (9 p.m.-1a.m.)	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23	
Rivertown Grill — Ragtop Deluxe (9 p.m.-1a.m.)	First Street Saloon — DJ Nate
Red Bicycle Hall — Dusty Bo (8 p.m.)	Tailgators — Dirty Laundry (9 p.m.-1a.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Dawson Hill (8 p.m.)	The Central — Full Moon Rising
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24	
Rivertown Grill — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)	



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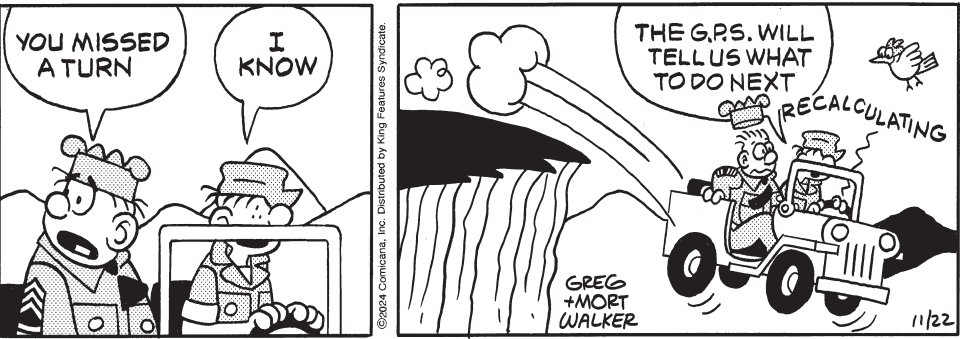


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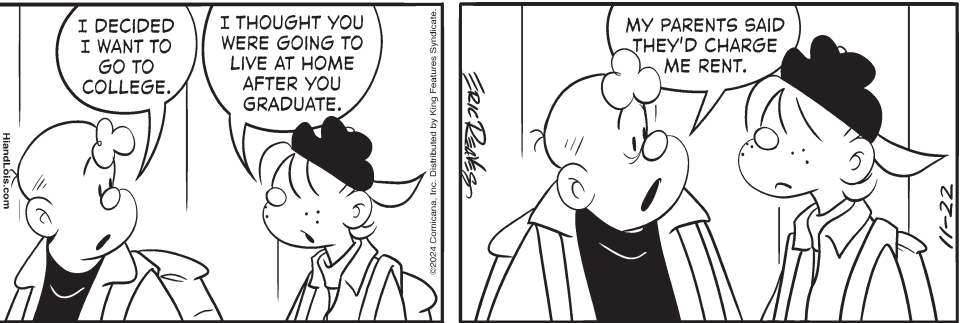
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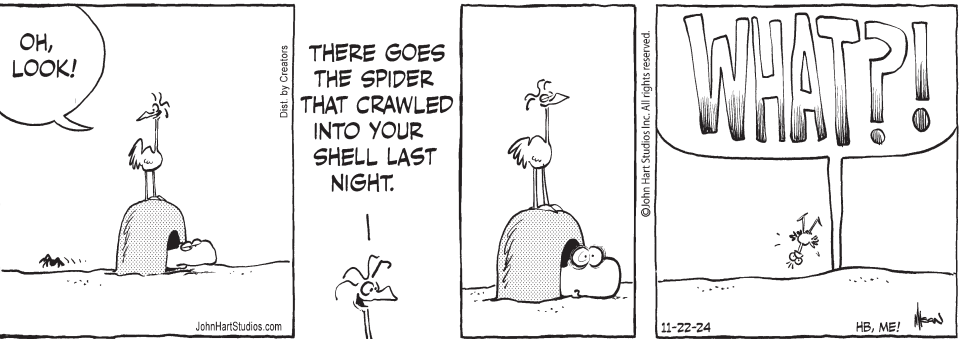
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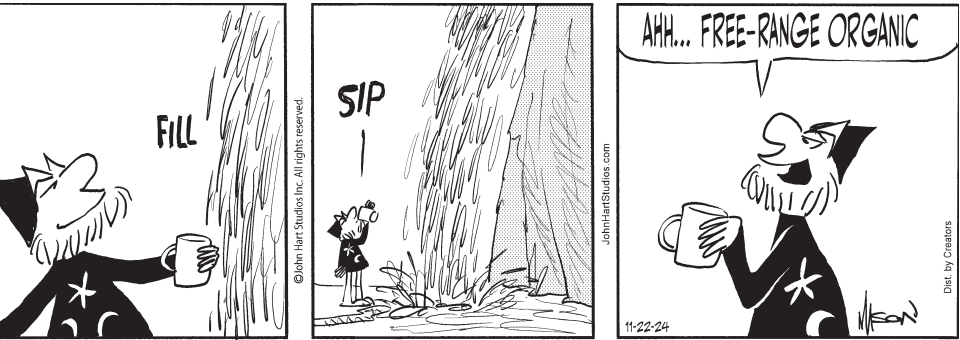
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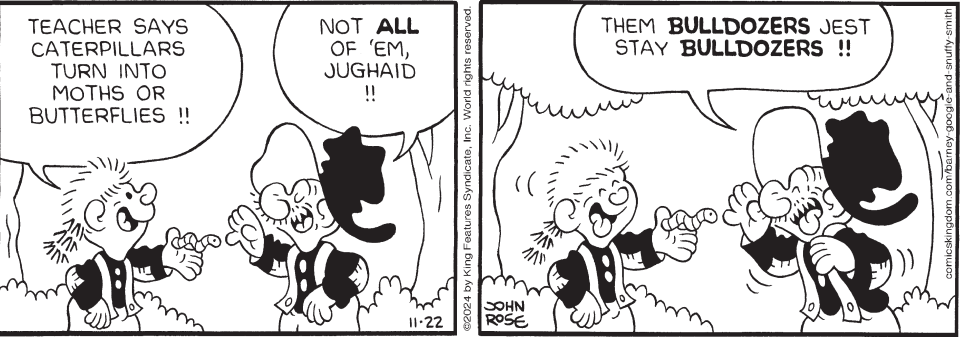
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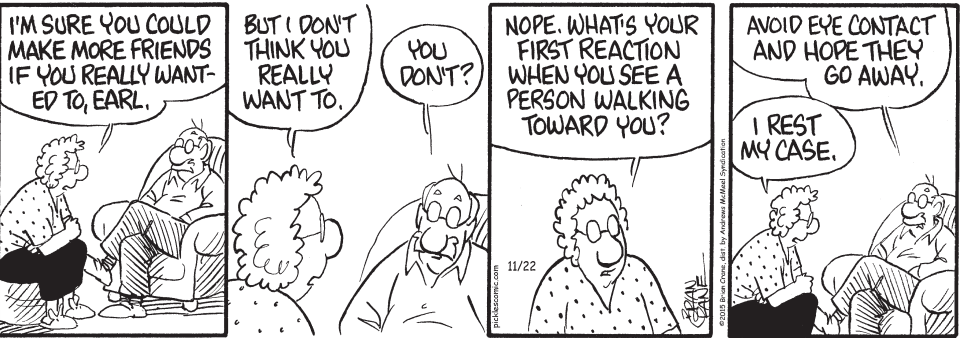
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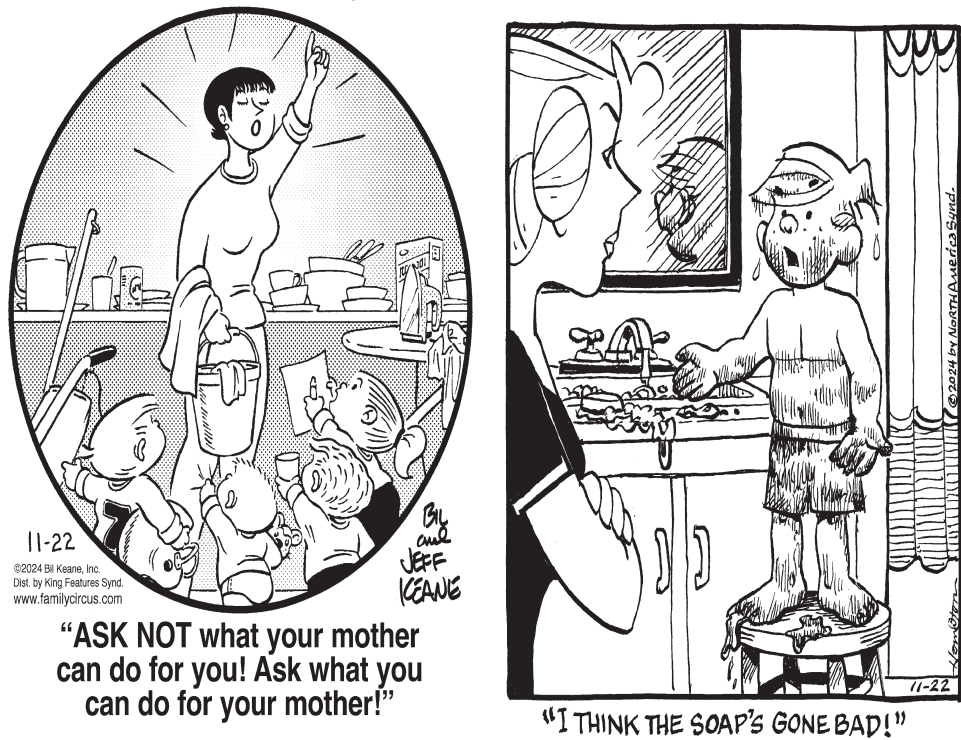


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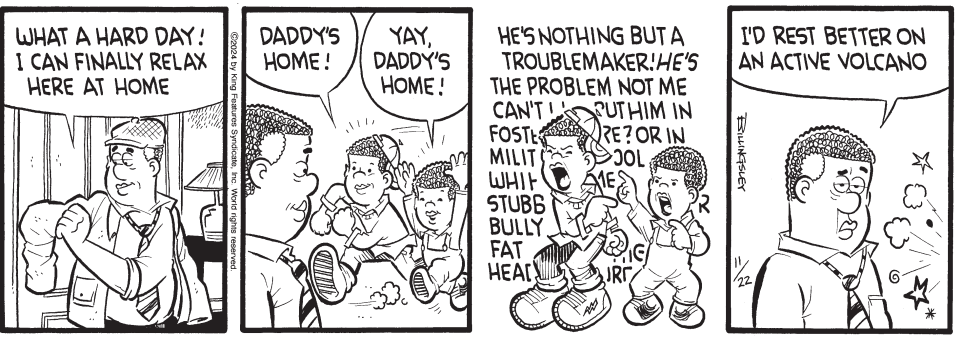
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Nov. 22, the 327th day of 2024. There are 39 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Nov. 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was shot to death during a motorcade in Dallas; Texas Gov. John B. Connally, riding in the same car as Kennedy, was seriously wounded. Suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president.

Also on this date:

In 1718, English pirate Edward Teach — better known as “Blackbeard” — was killed during a battle off what is now North Carolina.

In 1935, a flying boat, the China Clipper, took off from Alameda, California, carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight.

In 1986, 20-year-old Mike Tyson became the youngest heavyweight boxing champion in history, stopping WBC titleholder Trevor Berbick in the second round of their championship bout in Las Vegas.

In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win reelection to the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot, announced she would resign.

In 2005, Angela Merkel took office as Germany's first female chancellor.

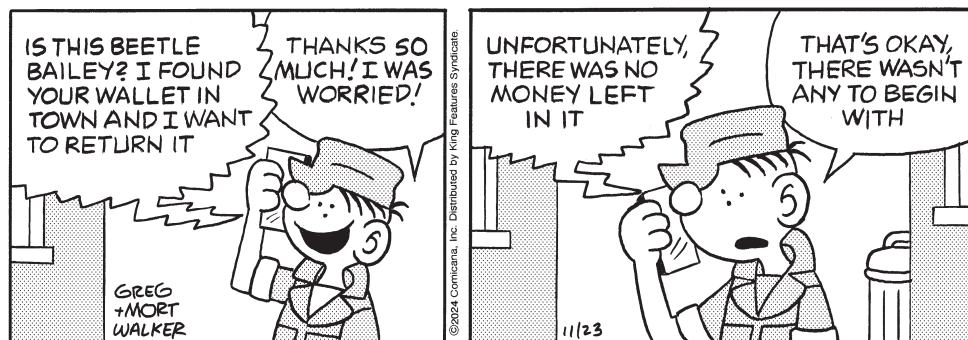
In 2010, a panicked crush at a festival in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh left some 350 dead and hundreds injured in what the prime minister called the country's biggest tragedy since the 1970s reign of terror by the Khmer Rouge.

In 2017, Ratko Mladić,

the Bosnian Serb general whose forces carried out the worst massacre in Europe since World War II, was convicted of genocide and other crimes by the United Nations' Yugoslav war crimes tribunal and sentenced to life behind bars.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-filmmaker Terry Gilliam is 84. Hockey Hall of Famer Jacques Laperrière is 83. Astronaut Guion Bluford is 82. Tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King is 81. Rock musician-actor Steven Van Zandt is 74. Rock musician Tina Weymouth (Talking Heads) is 74. Actor Richard Kind is 68. Actor Jamie Lee Curtis is 66. Actor Mads Mikkelsen is 59. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 57. Tennis Hall of Famer Boris Becker is 57. Actor Scarlett Johansson is 40. Actor Alden Ehrenreich is 35. Actor Dacre Montgomery is 30.

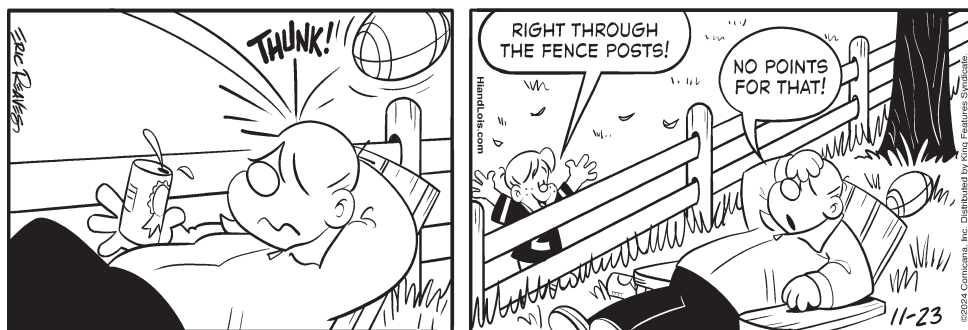
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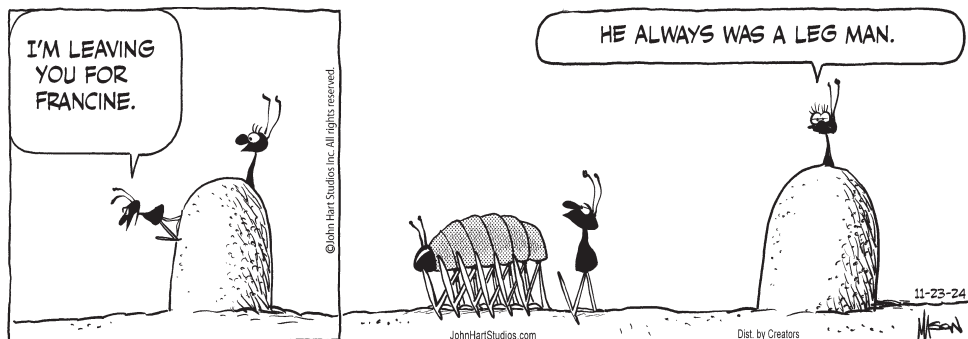
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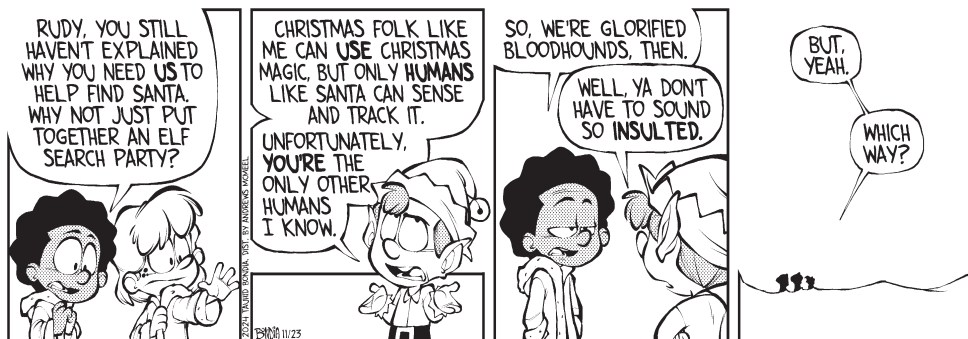
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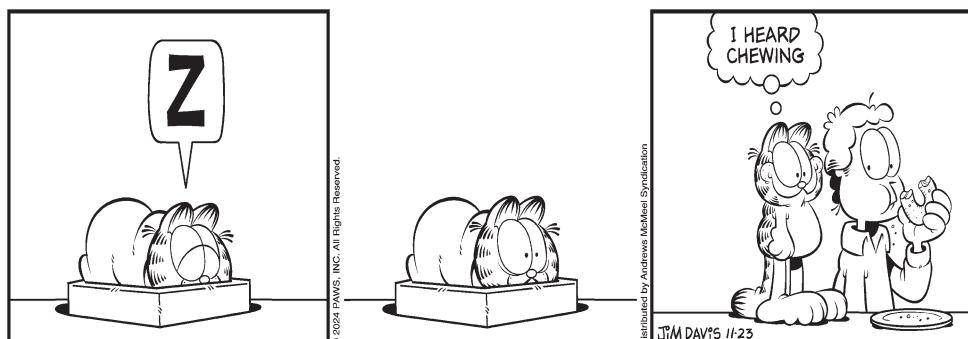
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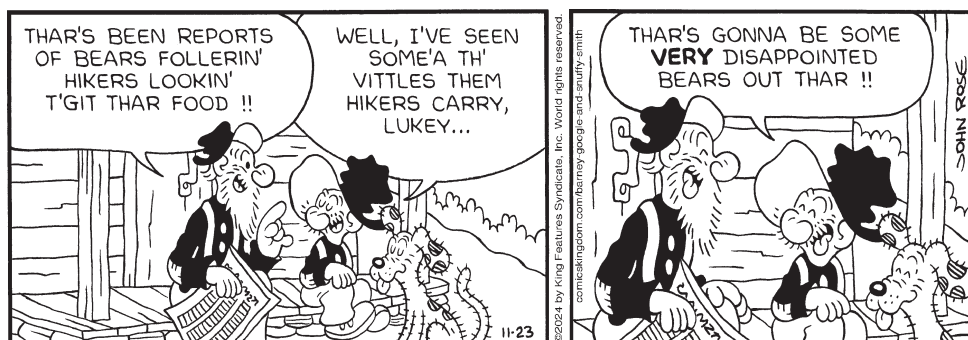
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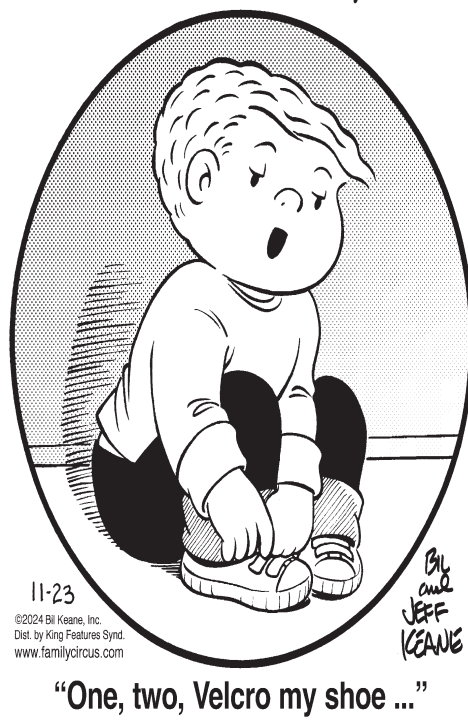
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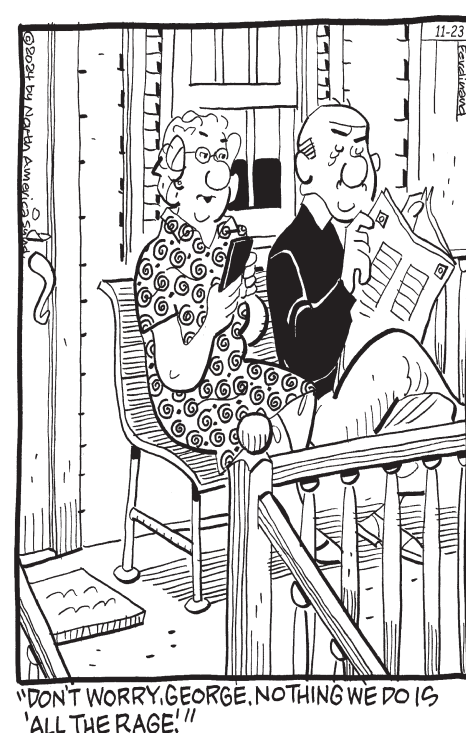
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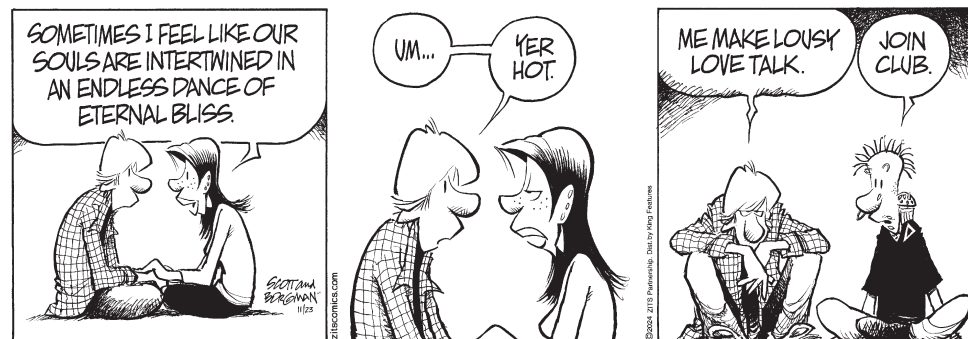
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 23,
the 328th day of 2024. There
are 38 days left in the year.

Today in history:
On Nov. 23, 1984, Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie completed one of the most famous passes in college football history, connecting with Gerald Phelan for a 48-yard touchdown with no time left on the clock as Boston College defeated the Miami Hurricanes 47-45.

Also on this date:
In 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Nov. 25 a day of national mourning following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the United Nations

Security Council.

In 1980, an estimated 2,500-3,000 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

In 1996, a commandeered Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the water off the Comoro Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on board, including all three hijackers.

In 2005, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected president of Liberia, becoming the first woman to lead an African country.

In 2006, former KGB spy Alexander Litvinenko died in London from radiation poisoning after making a deathbed statement blaming Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In 2008, the U.S.

government unveiled a bold plan to rescue Citigroup, injecting a fresh \$20 billion into the troubled firm as well as guaranteeing hundreds of billions of dollars in risky assets.

In 2011, Yemen's authoritarian President Ali Abdullah Saleh agreed to step down amid a fierce uprising to oust him after 33 years in power.

Today's Birthdays:
Senate Majority Leader
Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., is 74.
Singer Bruce Hornsby is 70.
TV journalist Robin Roberts
("Good Morning America")
is 64. Olympic gold medal
sprinter Asafa Powell is 42.
NHL center Nicklas Bäckström
is 37. Singer-actor Miley Cyrus
is 32.

OBITUARIES

Luvana ‘Lou’ Barrett Cornett

Luvana “Lou” Barrett Cornett, age 83, of Scottsburg, IN, entered this life on March 28, 1941, in Scottsburg, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Oscar and Gracie Roberts Barrett and was raised in Deputy.

She married John Cornett on Sept. 3, 1955 in Madison, IN, and from this marriage came two children, Diane and Greg. She grew up in Scott county, and aside from 12 years in Dekalb, IL, she lived in Scott county her entire life. She worked 10 years for GE in Dekalb and resided in Rochelle. She also spent 45 years creating floral arrangements with her shop “Lou’s Flowers and Crafts”. She was of Pentecostal faith. She enjoyed working with flowers, being with family and woodworking.

Luvana died on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at 1 a.m., at her home.

Luvana will be missed by her loving daughter, Diane Isley (Jim) of Pigeon Forge, TN; her loving son, Greg Cornett



(Michelle) of Scottsburg, IN; her grandchildren, Shawn Isley (Darlene) and Chad Isley (Sara), Hailey Cornett (Morgan), Benjamin Hunley; her great grandchildren; Jonathan Isley (Jacqueline), Michael Isley (Selenia), Chloe Isley (Jake), Averigh Palmer, and Kade Cornett; her great great grandchildren, Emrie Isley; her brother, Homer Barrett (Debbie) of Scottsburg, IN; her sisters, Elizabeth Kahl of Scottsburg, IN, Judy Motsinger of Scottsburg, IN, Kay Bexley of Scottsburg, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar Barrett; her

mother, Gracie Roberts Barrett; her husband, John Cornett, died Sept. 30, 2009; her brothers, Millard Barrett, Willard Barrett, Earnie L. Barrett, Sr., Robert Barrett, Walter Earl “Bud” Barrett, Harold Barrett, Ledfert Barrett; her sisters, Patty Lou Johnson, Helen Barrett, Geneva Ward.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at 4 p.m., by Pastor Jeff Mullins at the Redemption Pentecostal Church, 33 Wilbur Avenue in Austin, IN. Interment will follow in the Spurgeon Cemetery in Austin, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, from 1 p.m., until the time of service at the Redemption Pentecostal Church, 33 Wilbur Avenue in Austin, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Donors Choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church.

Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Joe David Noble Sr.

Joe David Noble Sr., age 73, of Hanover, formerly of Paoli, passed away on Nov. 15, 2024, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

Joe was born on Jan. 30, 1951, in Jamestown, KY, to Thomas K. Noble and Clara (Wells) Noble. On July 13, 1971, he married Linda Webster, who survives him.

Joe was a member of the Local 795 Laborers Union, he retired after a 20-year career at the Indiana Labor Training Institute. He also ventured into entrepreneurship, pursuing various interests, including E-Deals/ auctions, fireworks, and co-owning JT Automotive with his brother, Tom.

Joe was a man of Christian faith, a pillar of strength, and a devoted example of love to his



family and friends. He enjoyed music, fishing, football, and basketball, and he cherished time spent with his loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Noble of Hanover; sons Joey Noble (Windy) of Indianapolis and John Noble of Hanover; brother Thomas K. Noble, Jr. (Shelba) of Odon; sister Anna J. Noble of Paoli; grandchildren Jacob

Noble, Emily Noble, Joe D. “Trey” Noble III, and Mara Noble; and nieces and nephews Thomas K. Noble III, Scottie Noble, Danny Noble, Sara Robinson, Cathy Noble, Katie Butler, and Kelley Hustler.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Clara June Noble.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at McAdams Mortuary, with Bro. Harvey McAdams officiating. Friends may call on Monday from 11 a.m., until the time of the service. Burial details will be announced at a later date.

Joe’s legacy of love, strength, and faith will continue to inspire those who knew him. For condolences visit mcadamsmortuary.com.

Burlyn R. Jackson

Burlyn R. Jackson, age 87, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Dec. 7, 1936, in Jefferson County, IN. He was the loving son of the late Andrew George and Freda Frances Roberts Jackson. He was a 1954 graduate of the old Saluda High School near Hanover, IN. Burlyn was only the second of 10 siblings to graduate from high school. He was inducted in 1955, into the United States Air Force and rose to the rate of Airman Third Class and was honorably discharged on Nov. 7, 1957. On Sept. 3, 1960, he was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Smith of Madison. They were blessed with seven well behaved, loving and adorable children. He had lived in California for five years and lived the rest of his life in the Madison/ Hanover community. He had managed the Madison Campground for seven years, had owned and operated Hanover Electronics for 30 years, had owned rental properties, had worked for WORX radio in Madison, and was an engineer at Louisville TV Channel 32. Burlyn was an engineer for the Saturn II rocket project. He enjoyed his beloved Kentucky “Cards and Cats” and traveling. Burlyn was the official family genealogist, and kept extensive records



of his family’s history, and of their family tree. He always shared family ancestry information on Facebook when any of his relatives were celebrating a birthday. Burlyn died on Tuesday, Nov.19, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., at his home in Madison, IN.

Burlyn will be missed by his sons, Dale Jackson of Madison, IN, James Jackson of Lexington, IN, Brian Jackson and his wife Patty of Madison, IN, Peter Jackson and his husband James Oxford of The Villages, FL; his daughters, Debra Ludwig and her husband Douglas of Madison, IN, Melissa Jackson of Kansas City, MO, Nicole Jackson of Shawnee, KS; his grandchildren: Jay J. Jackson, Allan Jackson (Shaunta), Corey Jackson (Courtney), Marisa Jackson, Brady Jackson, Isaac Smith, Russell Campton; his great grandchild, Mia Jackson; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew

George Jackson; his mother, Freda Frances Roberts Jackson; his sisters, Hildreth Ione Jackson Cleffman, Rose Ann Jackson Bibb, and Shirley Jackson Auxier; his brothers, George Mendel Jackson, Ronald Loren “Blackie” Jackson, Sgt. Lloyd Hershel Jackson, Boyce C. “Pooge” Jackson, Millis Lindbert “Snake” Jackson, and Terry Michael Jackson.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the New Bethel Cemetery near Chelsea, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024,12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre-Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com,

Gabriele Wolf Leatherman

Gabriele Wolf Leatherman, age 56, of Madison, IN, entered this life on March 13, 1968, in Niebuell, Germany. She was the daughter of Rainer and Hildburg Frick Wolf.

She then attended and graduated from Medical College for physical therapy. She resided for a time in Michigan and had resided in Madison since 2006. She was blessed with five children, Johanna, Lina, Emmaline, Julia, and Jacob. Her children were the highlight and enjoyment of her life. She had worked the past eight years with Pope John Elementary School as a physical education teacher and a classroom aide. She was a faithful member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Madison. She also enjoyed reading, traveling, horses, horseback riding, her dogs, biking, hiking, and just having fun with her children. Gabriele died



on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at 9:27 a.m., at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville, KY.

Gabriele will be missed by her daughters, Johanna Leatherman of Madison, IN, Lina Leatherman of Madison, IN, Emmaline Leatherman of Madison, IN, Julia Leatherman of Madison, IN; her son, Jacob Leatherman of Madison, IN; her sister, Conny Wolf of Immenstaad, Germany; her mother, Hildburg Frick Wolf of Oldenburg, Germany; and other relatives. She was

preceded in death by her father, Rainer Wolf.

Memorial services will be conducted Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., by Pastor Jeffrey Pflug at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3024 North Michigan Road in Madison, IN.

There will be a celebration of life immediately following the memorial ceremony at the Nor Rose Lodge (Formerly Knights of Columbus Lodge) at 2250 Lanier Drive in Madison, IN, hosted by Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Pope John Elementary and Faith Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leatherman Children’s Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Handmaid Sheila Marie Werne

Handmaid Sheila Marie Werne, 65, of China, IN, was born July 28, 1959, in Ferdinand, IN. Sheila was the daughter of the late Andrew and Rita Mehling Werne. Sheila passed away on Nov. 18, 2024, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Sheila is survived by her siblings, Gary Werne, Wayne Werne, and Sharon Werne,

along with other loving relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, David.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated by Father Christopher A. Craig on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Saint Anthony Church, Shepherds of Christ, 6015 North State Road 62, China, IN. Interment will follow at Saint Anthony Catholic

Cemetery.

Friends may call at the church Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at Saint Anthony Church, Shepherds of Christ, 6015 North State Road 62, China, IN.

In honor of Sheila’s life, Masses may be offered or donations made to Shepherds of Christ Ministries, P.O. Box 627, Madison, IN, 47250.

DEATH

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208 Ferry Street, Vevay,

IN, www.haskellandmorrisson.com.

Diane Jean Moore, 77, of Sanders, KY, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, in Warsaw, KY. Funeral

service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Preventive Dental Care is essential to a Happy Retirement



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Preventive dental care is crucial for seniors to maintain good oral health and overall well-being as they age. As individuals grow older, they become more susceptible to dental issues like tooth decay, gum disease, and oral infections. Implementing a proactive approach to dental care can help seniors preserve their natural teeth, prevent pain and discomfort, and reduce the risk of systemic health problems associated with poor oral health.

One of the foundational components of preventive dental care for seniors is regular dental check-ups and cleanings. Seniors should schedule dental visits at least twice a year, or as recommended by their dentist, to monitor their oral health. These routine examinations allow dentists to identify and address any emerging issues early on, such as cavities, gum disease, or signs of oral cancer. Professional cleanings performed by dental hygienists help remove plaque and tartar buildup that can lead to decay and gum inflammation.

Maintaining a proper oral

hygiene routine at home is equally important for seniors. Dentists should emphasize the importance of brushing teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste and using dental floss or interdental brushes to clean between teeth. For seniors with mobility or dexterity challenges, electric toothbrushes or other adaptive devices may be recommended to ensure thorough cleaning. Proper denture care is also essential for those who wear removable prosthetics, as neglecting denture hygiene can lead to oral infections and discomfort.

Another crucial aspect of preventive dental care for seniors is addressing dry mouth (xerostomia) and its associated risks. Many seniors experience reduced saliva production due to medications, certain medical conditions, or age-related changes. Saliva plays a vital role in neutralizing acids and washing away food particles, so a dry mouth can increase the risk of tooth decay and oral infections. Dentists may recommend specific oral rinses, saliva substitutes, or lifestyle modifications to alleviate dry mouth symptoms and maintain oral moisture.

Regular screenings for oral cancer should also be part of preventive care for seniors. Dentists are trained to identify suspicious lesions or abnormalities in the mouth, throat, and neck during routine exams. Early detection of oral cancer significantly improves treatment outcomes, making these screenings crucial for seniors, especially those with a history of tobacco or alcohol use.

Seniors should also be educated about the impact of nutrition on oral health. A balanced diet rich in vitamins and minerals supports healthy teeth and gums. Dentists can provide guidance on dietary choices that promote oral health and recommend supplements

if necessary. Additionally, reducing the intake of sugary snacks and beverages can help prevent tooth decay and maintain a healthy smile.

Lastly, preventive dental care for seniors should consider individualized treatment plans based on each person’s unique needs and medical history. Dentists should collaborate closely with other healthcare providers to coordinate care for seniors with complex medical conditions or those taking multiple medications that may affect oral health. This holistic approach ensures that seniors receive comprehensive dental care that aligns with their overall health goals.

In summary, preventive dental care is essential for seniors to preserve their oral health and quality of life as they age. Regular dental visits, proper oral hygiene practices, management of dry mouth, screenings for oral cancer, and nutritional guidance all contribute to maintaining healthy teeth and gums. By prioritizing preventive care, seniors can enjoy a comfortable and confident smile well into their golden years.

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Southwestern pool delay impacting swim seasons

BY BOB DEMAREE

The high school and college swim seasons are underway but the pool at the Southwestern Aquatic Center that was expected to be completed by late summer still isn't finished.

Coaches, swimmers and parents were at Monday's meeting of the Southwestern Jefferson County Board of Trustees to express their frustration that it's November and the pool is still not available.

Southwestern School Board President Rick Stockdale said, "We are as frustrated as you are," noting attempts so far have been unsuccessful to meet with representatives of American Leak Detection (ALD), which received the nearly \$1 million contract to do major overhaul. After the completion of the swim season in March, the previous pool was taken out to be replaced with new concrete, electric, plumbing and pump with plans for the new pool to be completed by August.

"We want to know why things are the way they are" because there are items that should have already been ordered and work that "should have been in their plans to have done a long time ago. I don't understand why we're in November" and the pool is still not completed, Stockdale said. "We still don't have a clear answer on the date they're projecting" for completion. "It seems to change all the time."

Raygan Crawford, a Southwestern senior and four-year varsity swimmer, told of the hardship that the delay is having on the swim team. "We are very excited for this season and our new pool, and are becoming frustrated, disappointed and our team morale is suffering, which is unfortunate because this year we have the most talented girls swim team in school history. We have the opportunity to win conference for the first time in school history as well as have the best team finish at sectional, and a strong possibility to send multiple swimmers to state, which can only be done by winning a sectional event. None of this can happen if we can't practice, and already 25% of our season has gone by."

Crawford said the swim team is currently practicing in school hallways, and has only been able to practice twice in the water, and that was at the Madison Junior High School pool at 5 a.m. "There is no way to duplicate a swim practice on dry land, and a crucial element of being a swimmer is not just conditioning but also to have a good feel of the water," she said.

Now, just a week before Thanksgiving, Crawford said "there are some questions I would like to have answered. Most importantly, when are we going to be able to get into the water? We understand ALD wants this to be done correctly but

why does there seem to be no sense of urgency and why for months has there been no accountability? Why for day's on end has there been no one working and why is there only one person in there working for just a few hours at a time? We have already missed almost two months of training time and we know that we can't get that time back but our hope is that the school system can learn from this disaster and how it's been handled."

Southwestern Swim Coach Shelly Anderson-Hamilton said ALD representatives had said "they were going to be there weekends, every day, all day" to get the pool done, but they haven't been.

The delay in the completion of the Southwestern pool has not only impacted Rebel swimming but also the Hanover College men's and women's swim teams, who also practice and have their home meets at the pool with a season that began in early October.

The board asked whether any legal action might be sought against ALD for delay of completion of the pool. Bboard member Jonathon Simpson noted the board "can't speak on a legal matter in a public meeting" with Stockdale adding, "We are exploring all kinds of different things possibly we can do, depending on the status of the contract."

ORION

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adjacent to the surrounding project."

Board member Kellen Cronen made the motion to deny the application, Beverly seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Even though the application was denied, Orion can reapply but must wait until after a one-year moratorium on solar applications that runs through Sept. 19, 2025. With a technical committee established to improve solar regulations in the county's Unified Development Ordinance, the Commissioners established a one-year moratorium in September of this year in order to make the updates before any additional solar applications are received or considered. Orion's application was allowed to move forward because it had been filed before the moratorium was approved.

In his comments prior to the vote, Ferguson said, "If it happens to be denied, there is a moratorium on and the applicant can apply after the moratorium is off. So, it doesn't mean it's completely dead forever, they can reapply on that."

On Wednesday, Michael Cressner, Orion vice president of development, said, "While the BZA's vote was disappointing we thank the board and the community for their time, consideration and participation. We remain encouraged by the hundreds of families across the community who publicly supported our project as demonstrated through petitions and at public hearings. As long as the project's landowners want to keep moving forward, we will continue to work towards a winning scenario for them and Jefferson County."

Denise Spooner, a licensed real estate broker from Alexandria, spoke for one hour at the Nov. 7 public hearing, after more than 40 people conceded their time to her presentation and Hammond attorney Laureen White spoke for an additional half-hour. "I'm very pleased with the decision. The BZA had to make their findings of fact based on truth, period, and today the truth prevailed," said Spooner.

However, Amanda Jackson, one of those in Saluda Township with farmland to be leased by Orion, questioned the presentation that Spooner gave at that Nov. 7 meeting. "If you do a little digging, a lot of that presentation was very misleading and there was a lot of unfounded information in there that was just false," Jackson said. "What role did that play in their decision? In a lot our opinions, the board's decision was based on some of that."

Jackson said the denial of the solar application is a lost opportunity for Jefferson County, and particularly for Saluda Township, which she characterized "as one of poorest townships in the state."

She said he doesn't understand the concern about property values in that area. "What do you think the value of the homes already are?" she said, stating that property values currently aren't that great for many of the homes in Saluda Township. "This is very disappointing" but she said they are "not backing down" in continuing to stand up for the benefit of solar for Saluda Township. "A lot of us are tired of being passed over, and this was a missed opportunity."

Cressner said Orion is still considering whether to reapply in Saluda Township once the moratorium is lifted. "We are evaluating all of our options and what the next steps will be."

RIVER'S EDGE



Bob Demaree

Beverly Stucker Precious (left), who designed the River's Edge sculpture that will display at Madison's gateway, enjoys a lunch break Monday with her husband, Brent Precious, during installation near the Milton-Madison Bridge over the Ohio River on U.S. 421.



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Beverly Stucker Precious (right) who designed the River's Edge sculpture for Madison's gateway from the Milton-Madison Bridge, watches as her husband, Brent Precious, uses a bucket truck to install the glass portions of the sculpture. The 16-foot sculpture is made of stainless steel, rusticated metal and dichromic glass. The approximately \$200,000 cost was raised by private donations, grants and a \$100,000 contribution from the Madison Redevelopment Commission.



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Cory Constantine, founder/director of 900 North Studios, works on installation of the River's Edge sculpture. Metal pieces for the sculpture were fabricated by Indianapolis-based 900 North Studios.

COUNCIL

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Arbor Day 2025 with guides on planting and care. In an effort to foster best planting practices, he said the board has also developed a "recommended tree list" and a "prohibited tree list" to help the city and its residents avoid non-native and invasive species while providing quality and diversity.

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MADISON COURIER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Laufer runs to the head of the pack



Madison Consolidated High School junior Will Laufer is the Madison Courier Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Nina Campbell

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Will Laufer readily admits that he likes it when another runner pushes him. So when a new freshman joined Madison Consolidated High School's cross country team this summer, the junior Laufer got all the push he could ever want.

Battling with freshman Sam Crouch and senior Travis Hoffman brought out the best in Laufer, who had his best season to date to earn this year's honor as The Madison Courier Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year.

After finishing second to Crouch early in the year, Laufer upped his game and pulled way to lead the Cubs to their first sectional championship since 2013 and just the third in school history.

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MADISON COURIER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY ALL-COURIER AREA TEAM

Name	School	Cl.
Cale Collier	Switzerland Co.	Jr.
Ben Crouch	Madison So.	
Sam Crouch	Madison	Fr.
Landon Gross	Switzerland Co.	Fr.
Cavaan Hambrick	Shawe So.	
Travis Hoffman	Madison	Sr.
Cooper Hon	Switzerland Co.	Sr.
Layne Laufer	Madison	Sr.
Will Laufer*	Madison	Jr.
Ty Lay	Switzerland Co.	Jr.
Caden Ream	Southwestern	Jr.
Eli Storm	Madison	Jr.
*-Runner of the Year		

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 22

BASKETBALL
Hanover women vs. Rhodes (Tenn.) at Danville, Ky., TBA
Southwestern boys at Trinity Lutheran (scrimmage), 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Madison boys hosts Salem, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23

BASKETBALL
Hanover women at Centre (Ky.), TBA
Hanover men vs. DePauw at Earlham, 2 p.m.
Shawe girls hosts Franklin Co., 6 p.m.
Madison girls host Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls host South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL
Hanover vs. Wabash, ForeverLawn Bowl at Canton, Ohio, 1 p.m.

SWIMMING
Hanover at Ohio Wesleyan, 8:30 a.m.

WRESTLING
Madison girls, Ben Davis Invite, 8 a.m.
Southwestern at Scottsburg, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24

BASKETBALL
Hanover men vs. Carnegie Mellon (Pa.) at Earlham, noon
SWIMMING
Hanover at Ohio Wesleyan, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 25

BASKETBALL
Shawe girls host Christian Academy of Indiana, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

BASKETBALL
Shawe girls host Christian Academy of Indiana, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.
SWIMMING
Madison at Seymour, 6 p.m.
WRESTLING
Southwestern boys host Madison, 6:30 p.m.
Madison girls at Seymour, 6:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



David Campbell

Hanover's Grace Bezold scored 25 points to lead the Panthers to a 79-62 win in their Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener against Anderson on Tuesday.



David Campbell

Hanover's Jalynn Brooks (11) drives on Anderson's Paige Williamson (15) during the Panthers' HCAC win on Tuesday.

Hanover women open HCAC season with win over Anderson

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover women's basketball dominated the third quarter to claim a 79-62 win over Anderson in the Panthers' Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener on Tuesday.

Hanover led 23-15 after the first quarter but by only 39-34 at halftime. The Panthers outscored the Ravens by 10 points in the third and by two in the

fourth to win going away.

Grace Bezold scored 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead Hanover and Sammy Berman had 19 points, six rebounds and four steals. Katherine Benter had 11 points and six rebounds.

Hanover, now 3-1 overall and 1-0 HCAC, plays in the Centre Classic on Friday in Danville,

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No. 5 Indiana's long-awaited big test comes at No. 2 Ohio State in Week 13

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

College football fans will be treated to a fifth top-five matchup this season when Indiana visits Ohio State for the ultimate measuring-stick game.

Just how good are these unbeaten Hoosiers? We'll find out Saturday.

No one would have predicted in August that AP No. 5 Indiana (No. 5 CFP) would be a participant in what will be one of the most-watched games of the year. The magic worked by first-year coach Curt Cignetti has resulted in the program's first 10-win season, and the Hoosiers don't plan to stop there.

But their schedule has been one of the weakest in the country. This game against the No. 2 Buckeyes (No. 2) will show if they're real or a mirage.

Like Indiana, No. 18 Army (No. 19) will get its first major test when it plays No. 6

Notre Dame (No. 6) at Yankee Stadium. They meet when both are ranked for the first time since 1958. The last Army team coached by College Football Hall of Famer Red Blaik beat the Irish 14-2 in South Bend. Army has lost all 15 meetings since.

Big 12 leaders BYU and Colorado go on the road to face a couple of hot teams. The No. 14 Cougars (No. 14), who had their unbeaten season end last week against Kansas, face a No. 21 Arizona State team that's won three in a row and five of six. The No. 16 Buffaloes (No. 16) go to Arrowhead Stadium to play Kansas, a four-win team that has knocked off back-to-back Top 25 opponents.

In the ACC, No. 13 SMU (No. 13) is assured of making the conference championship game if it wins at Virginia. The big SEC games are No. 7 Alabama (No. 7

at Oklahoma, No. 9 Mississippi (No. 9) at Florida and No. 15 Texas A&M (No. 15) at Auburn.

BEST GAME

No. 5 Indiana (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten, No. 5 CFP) at No. 2 Ohio State (9-1, 6-1, No. 2), Saturday, noon (Fox)

Skeptics will get their answer about whether the Hoosiers deserve to be considered among the nation's elite. Ohio State is their first ranked opponent — and last major obstacle to reaching the Big Ten championship game. If the Buckeyes win in a blowout, Indiana's College Football Playoff hopes take a huge hit.

Indiana's defense is one of the nation's best, but offense is the team's calling card. The Hoosiers have been held under



31 points just once and average 44 per game. Ohio State's defense has allowed two touchdowns over the last four games (a third TD was a Penn State pick six).

Ohio State is a 12 1/2-point favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

HEISMAN WATCH

Colorado's Travis Hunter is the front-runner in most Heisman Trophy polls, and he'll get maximum exposure when his team plays Kansas at Arrowhead Stadium on a Fox national telecast. Hunter played 132 snaps against Utah last week and had five catches for 55 yards and a 5-yard rushing touchdown. He became the first player in either the NFL or FBS to have 50 receiving yards, a rushing touchdown and

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LOCAL LEAGUES



24/7 Life is the 2024 Madison Church Volleyball League Hallelujah Division Champions for 2024. Members of the team are (from left): Ashlyn White, Ally McGillan, Kailyn Arvin, Peyton Hostetler, Trayton Hostetler, Samuel McGillan, Lilly Cox, Eli McGillan and Uriah McGillan.

Photos submitted

Madison Church Volleyball League

Tournament — Monday, Nov. 18

Praise Division

Wirt Baptist No. 1 d. Hope Valley No. 1, 25-20, 25-15.

Dupont Baptist d. Falls City No. 1, 23-25, 25-22, 15-12.

Hope Valley No. 1 d. Dupont Baptist, 25-9, 25-20.

Championship

Wirt Baptist No. 1 d. Hope Valley No. 1, 25-14, 25-21.

Hallelujah Division

Wirt Baptist No. 2 d. First Baptist, 25-23, 25-22.

Falls City No. 2 d. Hope Valley No. 2, 25-13, 25-17.

24/7 Life d. Mount Pleasant Baptist, 25-13, 25-15.

Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Falls City No. 2, 22-25, 25-8, 15-5.

First Championship

Mount Pleasant Baptist d. 24/7 Life, 19-25, 29-27, 15-10.

Second Championship

24/7 Life d. Mount Pleasant Baptist, 25-23, 25-16.



Wirt Baptist No. 1 is the 2024 Madison Church Volleyball League Praise Divison Champions for 2024. Members of the team are (from left): Gretchen Curry, Morgan Harrell, Toby Harrell, Julie Moore and Ellie Gerringer. Not pictured: Annlena Ferguson.

Downs, Richardson give Colts offense jolt of energy in victory over the Jets

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts receiver Josh Downs welcomed last week’s announcement that Anthony Richardson would return as Indy’s starting quarterback.

Both showed why they were so excited to be teaming up again Sunday.

Downs made a diving 31-yard catch on Richardson’s first throw, finished with five catches for 84 yards, one TD and helped his good friend and draft classmate lead the Colts to a critical 28-27 win over the New York Jets.

“You guys know that’s my guy right there,” Richardson said when asked about Downs. “It’s my job to get him the ball. I know for a fact he’s going to get open no matter who’s guarding him, so shoutout to J.D. for making it work.”

Downs’ big day may have helped Richardson turn the corner, too.

The former Florida star has never started more than four consecutive games over his first two seasons, which may explain his inconsistency. But on Sunday, he put together the most efficient four quarters of his career.

Richardson entered the game with a league-low completion rate of 44.4%, but he went 20 of 34 with a career-best 272 yards and one score while adding two strong TD runs, including the go-ahead 4-yard score with 46 seconds left. His quarterback rating of 106.5 was the highest of any game he had started and finished.

The Colts are hoping it was a game-changing performance for Richardson.

“He was great. Composure was phenomenal,” coach Shane Steichen said after benching Richardson for two games. “We know how talented he is. He put in great work this week, and he’s got to continue that because we know what



Adam Hunger — freelancer, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson (5) breaks through tackles by New York Jets cornerback Isaiah Oliver (23) and cornerback D.J. Reed (4) to score a touchdown during the 4th quarter of a game Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

type of player he can be.”

What Indy (5-6) can expect moving forward remains unclear.

Richardson initially sat because Steichen wanted last year’s No. 4 overall draft pick to take a step back, pay greater attention to the details and learn to make greater personal sacrifices for the team.

Message received.

Downs saw the changes and hopes they will help the Colts fight their way back into playoff position.

“I know he’s been doing a lot of extra stuff, meeting with coaches, offensive line, running backs. He was doing that before, but he’s really taken it up a notch,” Downs said. “I told him I had him all game and he made the right plays. He ran the ball hard and he put the team on his back.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Ground game. The unimpressive final numbers — 35 carries for 91 yards — hardly tell the tale. With Richardson and Jonathan Taylor together in the backfield, the Jets defense had to respect both options. That also opened up plays downfield, too, allowing Richardson

to take advantage.

WHAT NEEDS WORK

Offensive line. Indy started three rookies Sunday, and it showed at some inopportune moments. The most obvious was a strip-sack of Richardson early in the second half, a miscue New York quickly converted into a TD for a 14-13 lead. If the young guys continue to play, they’ll need to run block better, too.

STOCK UP

DE Kwity Paye. When Samson Ebukam injured his Achilles tendon in training camp, Paye’s role changed. Then Paye got hurt. He finally looked like his old, disruptive self on Sunday, getting two sacks including the one that sealed the win. He now has 3 ½ this season.

STOCK DOWN

QB Joe Flacco. The 39-year-old had some promising moments in his first four appearances with Indy. While Richardson’s health status could give Flacco more chances, the fact remains Richardson has been selected as the starter for the rest of this season, likely relegating Flacco to

the bench for the foreseeable future.

INJURIES

The Colts may be as healthy as they’ve been all season. Steichen announced no new injuries Sunday or Monday, and everybody who was listed on last week’s injury report played against the Jets. The biggest question heading into this week might be whether WR Michael Pittman Jr. will play again this week after missing the previous week with a back injury.

KEY NUMBER

Five — Indy’s defense opened the game with five straight three-and-outs against the Jets and did not allow a first down until the final two minutes of the first half.

NEXT STEPS

Yes, Richardson beat a reeling team in the Jets (3-8). Now he must show he can beat the NFC’s top team, Detroit (9-1), and the kind of aggressive defense that has harassed and harangued Richardson into the kind of costly mistakes that have plagued him in the past.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

- Southwestern’s Olivia Simpson has been named Ohio River Valley Conference Girls Basketball Player of the Week.
- Simpson, who shared the award with Claire Samples of South Ripley, scored 33 points, had 29 rebounds, 29 assists and 23 steals in four games.
- Southwestern junior varsity girls basketball defeated Clarksville 17-12 in a two-quarter game on Tuesday.
- Sophie Ford had nine points and Savannah Nussbaum had eight for the Rebels.
- Southwestern hosts South Dearborn on Saturday and travels to Madison on Monday.
- Madison junior varsity girls basketball lost 33-19 at home to South Dearborn on Tuesday.

Ava Smith had 13 points for the Cubs, and Natty Montgomery, Harli Geyman and Hayden Campbell had two points each.

- Shawe Junior High boys basketball beat St. Lawrence in two games on Tuesday.
- The seventh grade won 37-19 behind Johnny Cooke’s 12 points and Patrick Kahn’s 11. The eighth grade won 44-17 with Luke Demaree scoring 20 points and Clark Nichter chipping in 10.
- On Wednesday, Shawe’s seventh graders beat South Ripley 36-30 at home. Kahn had 17 points and five rebounds and Cooke had 15 points and five rebounds. The eighth grade lost 49-31. Kahn had eight points, and Nichter and Kellen Martin had six each.

NFL standout kickers are now struggling

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — This is supposed to be a golden age for placekicking in the NFL.

Try telling that to the fans in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Cincinnati now.

Justin Tucker, Jake Elliott and Evan McPherson — three of the more dependable kickers in the league in recent years — are in slumps that have reached a crisis point. It’s a jarring development not just because of what these players accomplished previously, but because this is an era when misses have become increasingly rare.

“It’s certainly frustrating, especially when we know that these (Ravens-Steelers) games come down to the wire, like this one did today, that I let a couple get away,” Tucker said after missing two field goals in the Ravens’ 18-16 loss to Pittsburgh last weekend.

“But, like I’ve said before, the only thing that we can do is just get right back to work and focus on making the most out of our next opportunity.”

A five-time All-Pro, Tucker has been a phenomenon for most of his career. His combination of leg strength, accuracy and clutch performance gives him a case as the greatest of all time at the position, and he’s stood out even as kickers throughout the league have raised expectations.

Kickers league-wide have made 84.9% of their field-goal attempts this season. That’s down a tick from last year’s 85.9%, but still ranks among the most accurate seasons in NFL history. And on attempts of 50-plus yards, kickers are converting 71.9% of the time in 2024. Thirty years ago, that figure was below 40%.

While the rest of the league has caught up to kickers such as Tucker, he’s also taken a step back. He’s already missed six field goals this season, and two weeks ago the Ravens had to overcome a missed extra point in the fourth quarter of a win over Cincinnati.

“He’s going to get it figured out. We have coaches. We have technique. We look at the tape,” Baltimore coach John Harbaugh said. “He’s practicing well. He’s got to kick it straight.”

Tucker did make a game-tying 56-yard kick against Cincinnati last month, in a game the Ravens eventually won in overtime. In that same game, McPherson missed a 53-yarder that would have won it for the Bengals.

When McPherson came into the league in 2021, he went 9 of 11 from 50-plus yards during the regular season — then made all 14 of his field-goal attempts in the playoffs. He’s been far more erratic this season.

With the game tied Sunday night against the Los Angeles Chargers, McPherson had fourth-quarter misses from 48 and 51 yards, and the Bengals went on to lose 34-27.

“He knows to make those kicks,” star receiver Ja’Marr Chase said. “That’s why we paid him those bucks — to make those kicks in crunch time.”

The Eagles are in a better spot than the Ravens and Bengals — Philadelphia has won six straight. But Elliott has given them a little to worry about. He missed two field goals and an extra point in a win over Washington on Thursday night.

“We have so much faith in him,” Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said. “This team believes so much in Jake Elliott because of his track record and who he is and the teammate he is and the captain he is.”

After earning second-team All-Pro honors last season, Elliott signed a four-year, \$24 million extension in March. That was followed by big extensions for Cleveland’s Dustin Hopkins (three years, \$15.9 million), Kansas City’s Harrison Butker (four years, \$25.6 million) and McPherson (three years, \$16.5 million).

Elliott has missed five field-goal attempts this season, and Hopkins and McPherson have missed six each. Butker has kicked fine but recently needed surgery on his non-kicking knee.

There’s enough time left in the season for some of these struggling kickers to steady themselves, and certainly their track records suggest that may happen, but for teams such as Baltimore and Philadelphia in particular, it’s highly likely they’ll be in the playoffs. And when that happens, the kicking game will be magnified.

At the beginning of the season, few would have expected that the Ravens and Eagles would have any problems in that area. Now it’s a real concern.

“He’s definitely our best option, and he’s going to make a lot of kicks — I really believe that — going forward,” Harbaugh said. “But it’s up to him. It’s up to him and the guys he works with every day to make those balls go straight.”

No. 15 Marquette trounces No. 6 Purdue 76-58

Boilers stumble after knocking off No. 2 Bama

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Kam Jones had 17 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists as No. 15 Marquette defeated No. 6 Purdue 76-58 on Tuesday night to snap the Boilermakers’ 39-game

regular-season nonconference winning streak. Purdue (4-1) hadn’t lost a regular-season nonconference game since falling 58-54 at Miami on Dec. 8, 2020, compiling the fourth-longest such streak in NCAA history. The record is held by Syracuse, which won 52 straight nonconference regular-season games from Dec. 17, 2008, through Dec. 17, 2012. Jones’ triple-double was the third in school histo-

ry and first since Dwyane Wade had 29 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists when Marquette beat Kentucky 83-69 in a 2003 regional final to earn its most recent Final Four appearance. Marquette’s only other triple-double came from Tony Miller against Wisconsin on Dec. 31, 1994. Stevie Mitchell scored a career-high 21 points for Marquette (5-0). Chase Ross had 12 and Ben Gold

added 11. Trey Kaufman-Renn had 16 points, Fletcher Loyer 13 and Braden Smith 11 for Purdue.

TAKEAWAYS

Purdue: The string of nonconference regular-season wins wasn’t the only Purdue streak to get snapped. The Boilermakers also had won an NCAA-best 25 straight November games. Marquette: Jones has

been a productive scorer much of his career, but Tuesday’s game showed how much he has developed as an all-around player. His 13 rebounds and 10 assists were both career highs.

KEY MOMENT

Purdue trailed 55-49 with eight minutes left before David Joplin scored four points during an 8-0 run for Marquette that made it a 14-point game with

4:51 remaining. The spurt culminated with Ross getting a steal and passing to Mitchell for a layup.

KEY STATS

After committing just three turnovers Friday in an 87-78 victory over then-No. 2 Alabama, Purdue had 15 on Tuesday.

UP NEXT

Purdue hosts Marshall on Saturday (TV: Live on B1G+ at noon)



LES NICHOLSON/Paxton Media

Jaxson Robinson scored 20 to lead the way in Kentucky’s win Tuesday night over Lipscomb in Rupp Arena.

No. 9 Kentucky rides hot shooting to blow out Lipscomb 97-68

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Jaxson Robinson scored 20 points and No. 9 Kentucky shot 55% to roll past Lipscomb 97-68 on Tuesday night. Lamont Butler added 16 points, Otega Owhe had 14 and Koby Brea scored 12 off the bench for the Wildcats (4-0), who led 20-6 after eight minutes and didn’t let up. They made seven of their first 11 shots and finished 34 of 62 from the field, including 12 for 25 from behind the 3-point arc. The rout came a day after Kentucky vaulted 10 spots in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, a jump helped by a 77-72 win over No. 6 Duke in Atlanta that gave first-year coach

Mark Pope a signature win. Jacob Ognacevic had 17 points and Will Pruitt added 12 for the Bisons (2-5), who struggled to string together consecutive baskets in the first half and dropped their third consecutive game. Robinson shot 6 of 10 overall and 3 for 6 from deep. Amari Williams had 11 rebounds and nine points as Kentucky dominated on the glass, 43-28.

TAKEAWAYS

Lipscomb: The Bisons entered having lost two of three by single digits. Their cold start ensured the game wouldn’t be close as they missed 10 consecutive shots after their first basket, including

eight in a row from behind the arc. Kentucky: It’s the first time Kentucky has made double-digit 3s in each of its first four games.

KEY MOMENTS

Lipscomb started 9 of 34 (26%) from the field and 2 for 19 from 3-point range while falling into a big hole early.

KEY STAT

In addition to their strong shooting, the Wildcats committed just eight turnovers — only two after halftime.

UP NEXT

Kentucky hosts Jackson State on Friday night (TV: Streamed live on SEC+ and ESPN+ at 7 p.m.)

Burrow, Bengals head into bye week with playoff hopes on life support

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Despite the second-half heroics of quarterback Joe Burrow, the Cincinnati Bengals blew another close game they had a chance to win. It’s a familiar storyline for the Bengals (4-7) in this most frustrating of seasons. Sunday night’s 34-27 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers was their sixth defeat by a one-score margin. This time, Cincinnati rallied from a 21-point deficit in the second half, only to allow an 84-yard touchdown drive by the Chargers in the final minute. The Bengals have yet to beat a team with a winning record this season, and their playoff hopes are on life support. Despite Burrow’s weekly assertions that the Bengals could win enough games to make the playoffs, they would need a lot of help. Cincinnati is 4 ½ games behind AFC North leader Pittsburgh (8-2), which it still has to play twice. Nine AFC teams have better records than the Bengals as they head into their bye week. Burrow was not quite as optimistic when asked after the Chargers loss if Cincinnati can still make a playoff run. “I hope so,” Burrow said. “I guess we’ll find out. We are where we’re at. I’m not happy with where we’re at, I don’t think any-

body is. “We’re not good enough,” he said. “Our margin of error is slim.” Coach Zac Taylor said no major changes were planned during the off week. “We believe in what we’re doing,” Taylor said. “And so again, we’re not going to be those people that just panic because the record is 4-7 and we start making all of these significant changes. That’s not what the answer is.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Despite the frustrating finishes, Burrow is having one of the best seasons of his career. Against the Chargers, he completed 28 of 50 passes for 356 yards and three touchdowns, much of it while on the run from the pass rush. He leads the NFL in passing yards (3,028) and touchdowns (27). ... Chase, who had seven catches for 75 yards and two touchdowns, leads the NFL in catches (73), receiving yards (1,056) and TDs (12).

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The Bengals aren’t consistently good enough to finish games. The defense allowed the Chargers to build a 27-6 lead in the third quarter. Burrow, despite shaky pass protection, threw two TD passes to Ja’Marr Chase and one to Tee Higgins to tie the game at 27 in the fourth quarter. Then came the Chargers’

game-winning drive.

STOCK UP

After missing a total of five games with injuries, Higgins came roaring back. He had nine catches for 148 yards and a touchdown.

STOCK DOWN

Kicker Evan McPherson, who picked up the nickname “Money Mac” for his reliability, has struggled all season. On Sunday night, he missed field goal tries of 48 and 51 yards on back-to-back drives in the fourth quarter. Either kick would have given Cincinnati the lead. He’s made six of 12 attempts of 40-plus yards this year.

INJURIES

CB DJ Turner II suffered a shoulder injury when he went down hard while defending a pass in the second half ... OT Orlando Brown Jr. missed a third game with knee and leg injuries ... DT Sheldon Rankins missed the game with an illness.

KEY NUMBER

784 — Passing yards by Burrow in the last two games, both losses.

NEXT STEPS

The Bengals need to figure out the formula for finishing during their off week before they face the AFC North-leading Steelers (8-2) on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

UConn’s Auriemma breaks career wins record with 1,217th victory

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

STORRS, Conn. — Geno Auriemma soaked in the moment. The UConn Hall of Fame coach now stands alone atop the NCAA college basketball all-time wins list. Auriemma broke a tie with former Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer, earning his 1,217 career victory with an 85-41 win over Fairleigh Dickinson on Wednesday night. “We never sat down and said hey let’s make a 40-year plan and see if we can make this happen,” Auriemma said. “It’s about coming here every day and trying to be better than we were yesterday.” He has spent four decades building UConn into the standard for women’s basketball. The school celebrated those 40 years Wednesday night. “I know it means a lot to a lot of people here at UConn that worked really, really hard to make it possible,” Auriemma said. “You saw all the players here, means a lot to them. Every single person that had a hand in all this means a lot to them to be a part of it, want to share in it. I’m sure when the season’s over I’ll be able to look back on it and think about it.” Surrounded by the greatest players in UConn history, including Diana Taurasi, Sue Bird, Maya Moore and Rebecca Lobo, Auriemma and longtime assistant Chris Dailey took in the incredible achievement in a postgame ceremony. “It’s not very often in life you get to experience something that’s never been done before and that you get to experience something that will never be done again,” Lobo said. More than 60 alums of the program were in attendance. Nearly two dozen of them played in the WNBA. The former UConn players were part of the record 11 national championships that the school has won. UConn has reached the Final Four 23 times, including in 15 of the past 16 seasons. Before the game, the school presented the pair with ruby colored glass basketballs in honor of their 40 years at UConn. It was a day of celebrations for

Auriemma and Dailey. There was a petting zoo with, fittingly, goats across from the arena as well as ice cream from the famous UConn Dairy Barn. They created a flavor “Legend-Berry Legacy” in honor of the two coaches. The ceremony ended with a goat coming out on the red carpet and Auriemma taking a photo with it. He later said that he scratched himself while petting it. Auriemma and Dailey received leaders from Nike and Connecticut governor Ned Lamont presented a sign that said “Welcome to Connecticut, home of the winningest coach in basketball history.” His current team presented Auriemma with a framed jersey with the number 1,217 on it. The student section, during the final minute of the game, held up cards that spelled out 1,217. “He gives credit to everybody around him, and he doesn’t really take it for himself,” Huskies star Paige Bueckers said. “But what he’s built here, it’s here because of him, so he definitely downplays it. He doesn’t want to do the whole thing: the celebration, the goats, the ice cream, it’s all extra to him. But he deserves it, and we want to celebrate him, because he doesn’t celebrate himself a lot. So everyone around him will make sure they do that job.” Auriemma began his journey with UConn in 1985 and currently is 1,217-162 in his career. He has only had one losing season in his career — his first one with the Huskies. Before he came to the school from Virginia, the program had only one winning season. VanDerveer offered her congratulations to Auriemma after the game. “This is yet another outstanding milestone in a career filled with them for Geno Auriemma. The level of success he has maintained at UConn over four decades will never be duplicated,” she said in a statement. “But his tremendous legacy extends far beyond any number of wins. It lives in the lives of the countless young women he has positively influenced throughout his career. Congratulations to Geno and Chris on this incredible accomplishment.”

No. 15 UK women beat Purdue-FW 79-67

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Georgia Amoore had 23 points, Dazia Lawrence scored 21, and the pair combined for nine 3-pointers as No. 15 Kentucky pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Purdue Fort Wayne 79-67 on Monday night. Lawrence made 8 of 15 shots — 5 of 8 from beyond the arc — for the Wildcats (5-0), who trailed for 28:21 in the game. Amoore hit 7 of 18 shots — 4 of 9 from distance — and 5 of 6 free throws. She added seven assists. Lauren Ross sank four 3-pointers and scored 14 of her 21 points in the first quarter, to lead Purdue Fort Wayne to a 23-19 lead. The Mastodons (2-2) never trailed in taking a 38-33 lead into halftime. Kentucky fell behind by nine before rallying, using back-to-back 3-pointers from Lawrence and Amoore to tie the game at 46 with 4:02 left in the third quarter. The Wildcats took their first

lead at 52-51 with 1:46 to go on two free throws by Clara Strack and led by a point heading to the fourth. Ross began with a 3-pointer to give PFW its last lead. Strack and Teonni Key scored back-to-back baskets, and Lawrence turned a Mastodons turnover into a 3-pointer to give Kentucky a 62-57 lead with 8:37 remaining. Amoore followed with two free throws and a jumper to finish off an 11-0 run for a nine-point advantage, and the Wildcats maintained a two-possession lead from there. Strack missed 10 of 13 shots but hit 8 of 9 at the foul line to score 14 for the Wildcats. Key totaled 12 points and 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the season. Freeman finished with 18 points and five assists for the Mastodons. Morgan scored 11. Kentucky is idle until Nov. 26 when the Wildcats play Arizona State in the Music City Classic.

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Cy Young Awards go to Sale, Skubal

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Chris Sale was one of the ace left-handers Tarik Skubal idolized as a teenager. Now the two will be linked forever after winning their first Cy Young Awards on Wednesday.

Skubal was a unanimous pick for the American League honor following a brilliant season with the Detroit Tigers. Sale's selection in the National League capped an incredible comeback with the Atlanta Braves after the 35-year-old had been derailed by injuries since helping Boston win the 2018 World Series.

“It means a lot. It’s a special night,” Sale said. “I just can’t express how thankful I am for everybody that stuck by me. It would have been easy to jump ship and write me off.”

Skubal and Sale shared the MLB lead with 18 wins this season and dominated their respective leagues.

Sale went 18-3 and topped the NL with 225 strikeouts, while his 2.38 ERA in 29 starts was the best among all major league qualifiers. It was his first season in the National League during a big league career that began in 2010 with the Chicago White Sox.

Skubal, who turned 28 on Wednesday, was 18-4 with a 2.39 ERA and a big league-best 228 strikeouts in 31 starts. The left-hander got all 30 first-place votes in AL balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America that was completed before the playoffs.

Sale received 26 firsts, with NL runner-up Zack Wheeler from Philadelphia getting the other four.

“If you look at his career, it’s no surprise that he’s winning this award,” Skubal said about Sale. “To be able to share this award and win it the same year, and win the same triple crown award in the AL and NL, that’s something that’s really special to me, and it’s awesome. I’ll be able to live with that the rest of my life.”

Pittsburgh Pirates righty Paul Skenes finished third, two days after being selected NL Rookie of the Year. Kansas City starter Seth Lugo was the AL runner-up, with Cleveland closer Emmanuel Clase (47 saves) coming in third.

It was the first time since 2011 that someone won the pitching triple crown in both leagues. There have been 25 occasions when a pitcher led his league in wins, strikeouts and ERA among qualifiers — and a Cy Young Award followed every time.

Sale didn’t have any major injury issues in his Braves debut until he was scratched because of back spasms from their final regular-season game, which they needed to win to make the playoffs. He was then left off the roster for their Wild Card Series loss to San Diego.

Atlanta acquired Sale in a trade last December after he made only 31 starts for the Red Sox from 2021-23. He missed the 2020 season and most of 2021 after Tommy John surgery. He made only two starts in 2022 after he fractured a rib and then broke his left pinkie. He broke his right wrist riding a bicycle in August 2023, ending his final sea-

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son with Boston. Sale was named the NL Comeback Player of the Year last week at Major League Baseball’s All-MLB Awards Show.

“Talk about motivation, right? To be able to show my sons hard work, dedication and not giving up. My wife had my back the whole time. I’m sure I was a real peach at times during some of those injuries,” he said. “And just with my parents, my family, I was talking to my dad the other day about this and whether it did or didn’t happen, he was proud of me.”

It was the third time Sale finished among the top three in Cy Young Award voting. He was the AL runner-up in 2017 after his first season with Boston behind Corey Kluber, who was also the Cy Young Award winner in 2014 when Sale finished third with the White Sox.

Sale won the eighth Cy Young Award for the Braves organization. Most of those came in the 1990s, when Greg Maddux won three in a row with Atlanta from 1993-95 — after being the 1992 winner with the Chicago Cubs. Tom Glavine won twice (1991 and 1998), and John Smoltz was the 1996 winner. Warren Spahn was the first in 1957 when the Braves played in Milwaukee.

Detroit now has six Cy Young Awards. Denny McLain won back-to-back in 1968 and 1969, and reliever Willie Hernández was the 1984 winner. Justin Verlander’s Cy Young Award with the Tigers came two years before Max Scherzer won in 2013.

Skubal had Tommy John surgery at Seattle University before the Tigers drafted him in the ninth round in 2018. His made his big league debut in 2020, and this season went at least six innings in 25 of his 31 outings. He was 6-0 in his first nine starts and finished the season the same way — 6-0 in his last nine starts while the Tigers made their surprising push to the playoffs.

He made his postseason debut with 17 consecutive scoreless innings before a five-run fifth that included a grand slam by Cleveland’s Lane Thomas in the deciding Game 5 of their AL Division Series. That 7-3 loss ended the Tigers’ season.

“I was able to kind of get over it relatively quickly just because I was so proud of our team and what we were able to accomplish,” Skubal said. “And if I’m going to be the one to fail, I love that, because, you know, it’s only going to set our team up to have success in the future.”

Based on where they placed in balloting, Clase earned a \$150,000 bonus, Sale and Lugo \$100,000 each and Wheeler \$50,000.

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5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Happy'	Lopez..	Dateline NBC				News		
8	WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	BobHe..	BobHe..	BobHe..	BobHe..	News (N)		News		
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	TBA		Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)			News			
11	WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)			News			
15	WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Comm..	Week	Great Performances (N)			Anthe..	BBCN..		
19	WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	College Football		Purdue at Michigan State (N) (Live)						
32	WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire (N)		Blue Bloods (N)		News		
34	WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Connors	Sheldon	BigBa..	BobHe..	BobHe..	BobHe..	BobHe..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..		
41	WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	College Football		Purdue at Michigan State (N) (Live)						
A&E		28	36	The First 48		The First 48		First 48 (N)		Cold Case (N)		Killer Cases (N)		First48		
AMC		29	26	(4:00) ♣ Perfect S...		♣♣♣ Deepwater		Horizon ('16)			♣♣♣ Captain Phillips ('13)					
COM		45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Family..	Family..	Family..		
DISC		31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N)		(10) Last W. (N)		(10) Gold		GoldR..		
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ESPN		32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	Courts..	(45) Basketball				(05) NBA Basketball				
FREE		18	40	(4:30) ♣ Pirates of the Caribbean: A...		♣♣♣ Pirates of the Caribbean: On		Stranger Tides				700Club				
FX		40	28	(4:00) ♣♣♣ Avatar ('09)		♣♣ A Man Called Otto ('22) Tom Hanks.						Times Presents				
HBO		201	17	(5:25) D.. (35) ♣ He's Just Not That Into You		(50) Dune: Prophecy						Real, Bill Maher		It' (N)		
MAX		270	73	(20) ♣♣♣ 50/50 ('11)				♣♣ Sisters ('15) Amy Poehler.				♣ Forgetting Sarah Mars...				
NEWSNTN		20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo		
PARMT		35	41	TwoM.. TwoM..		TwoM.. TwoM..		♣♣♣ Gladiator		Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe.						
PARSHO		221	16	(15) ♣♣♣ The Infiltrator ('16)				♣♣♣ Gladiator		Russell Crowe.				Movie		
TMC		233	74	(15) ♣♣♣ Premonition ('07)				♣♣ Vacancy ('07)				♣ Last Voyage of the Demeter				
TNT		27	43	(5:15) ♣♣ Grown Ups 2		Match		Tournament #3		Match: Super.		Rampage (N)		Ramp..		
USA		26	33	(5:00) ♣♣♣ The Matrix ('99)				Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				Scare		Hysteria! (N)		

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3 WAVE	6	2		WAV..	NBCN..	College Football Army vs. Notre Dame (N) (Live)						(15) College Football		
4 WTTV	4			(3:30) Football		Postga..	NWSL..	NWSL Washington Spirit vs. Orlando Pride					48Hou..	CBS4..
5 WLWT	2			News (N)		College Football Army vs. Notre Dame (N) (Live)						(15) College Football		
8 WISH	12			(3:30) Football		College Football Washington State at Oregon State (N) (Live)						News	News	
9 WCPO	23			(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football Alabama at Oklahoma (N) (Live)							News
11 WHAS	11	4		(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football Alabama at Oklahoma (N) (Live)							News
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19 WXIX	10			(3:30) Football		Extra	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)							FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5		(3:30) Football		Postga..	Jeopar..	NWSL Washington Spirit vs. Orlando Pride					48Hou..	News
34 WBKI	7	7		(3:30) Football		College Football Washington State at Oregon State (N) (Live)						TBA		
41 WDRB	8	9		(3:30) Football		Extra	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)							TBA
A&E	28	36		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	29	26		♣♣♣ Pretty in Pink ('86)				♣♣♣ Beetlejuice ('88)			♣♣ Jumanji ('95)			
COM	45	59		Office	Office	Office	Office	(20) The Office		Office	Office	Office	♣ We're the Mil...	
DISC	31	38		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedi..
DISN	25	29		Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	♣ Alvin & the Chipmun...			Place	Place	ZOM..	ZOM..
ESPN	32	44		(3:30) Fo..	Scoreboard (N)	College Football Texas A&M at Auburn (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)		
FREE	18	40		(5:20) ♣♣♣ Up ('09)		♣♣♣ Coco ('17) Anthony Gonzalez.					♣♣♣ Zootopia ('16)			
FX	40	28		♣♣♣ Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker ('19)					♣ Shang-Chi & the Legend of the Ten Rings					
HBO	201	17		(05) ♣♣♣ Good Time		(50) ♣♣♣ Jurassic Park ('93) Sam Neill.			James (N)		James			
MAX	270	73		(20) ♣♣♣ Killing Them Softly				♣♣♣ Taken ('08)		♣ Jack Ryan: Shadow R...			Movie	
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PARSHO	221	16		♣♣♣ Heat ('95) Robert De Niro, Al Pacino.					♣♣♣♣ Goodfellas ('90) Robert De Niro.					
TMC	233	74		(15) ♣♣♣ Pearl ('22) Mia Goth.			♣♣ Hannibal Rising ('07)			♣ Stanford Prison Exper...				
TNT	27	43		(5:00) ♣ Live Free or Die Hard				♣♣♣ Die Hard ('88) Bruce Willis.				♣ Die Hard 2		
USA	26	33		(5:00) ♣♣♣ The Matrix Reloaded				♣♣♣ The Matrix Revolutions ('03) Keanu Reeves.					Movie	

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4	WTTV	4		(4:00) Football		60 Minutes (N)		Tracker (N)		Equalizer (N)		FBI "Sacrifice"		CBS4..	
5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N)		(15) Football Philadelphia Eagles at Los Angeles Rams (N)							
8	WISH	12		News	VeryV..	♣♣♣ Shrek 2 ('04) Mike Myers.		Connors		Connors	News	Sports	News		
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	Videos (N)		♣♣♣ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho.				TBA	News		
11	WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Videos (N)		Videos		(35) ♣♣♣ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho.				News	
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19	WXIX	10		(4:25) NFL Football			The OT		Simpso.. Univer..		Burgers Krapo..		FOX19 (N) FOX19		
32	WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Tracker (N)		Equalizer (N)		FBI "Sacrifice"		News	
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41	WDRB	8	9	(4:25) NFL Football			The OT		Simpso.. Univer..		Burgers Krapo..		News (N) (Live) News		
A&E		28	36	The First 48			The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Rookie		
AMC		29	26	♣♣♣ National Treasure ('04) Nicolas Cage.						♣♣♣ National Treasure: Book of Secrets					
COM		45	59	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	Family..	Family..	Family..	
DISC		31	38	Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead		Homes..	
DISN		25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	♣♣♣ Onward ('20)		Place		Place	BigCity	BigCity	
ESPN		32	44	(5:30) College Basketball			SportCtr (N)		College Basketball			SportCtr (N)			
FREE		18	40	(5:10) ♣ Beauty ...		(15) ♣♣♣ Aladdin ('92)				(20) ♣♣♣ Tangled ('10) Mandy Moore.					
FX		40	28	(4:30) ♣ Pirates of the Caribbean: A...			♣♣♣ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides							Movie	
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PARSHO		221	16	(5:50) ♣ The Dead Don't Hurt ('23)				Lioness		Dexter		Movie			
TMC		233	74	(5:45) ♣♣♣ Foxcatcher ('14)				♣♣♣ The Lincoln Lawyer ('11)				♣♣♣ We Own the Night			
TNT		27	43	(5:30) ♣ Four Christmases			♣ National Lampoon's Christmas ...			♣♣♣ Elf ('03) Will Ferrell.					
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Shop with cold cuts
- 5 Stockpile
- 10 Water around a castle
- 14 Author Wister
- 15 Opposite of outer
- 16 Doing nothing
- 17 Shipped
- 18 Taste or smell
- 19 Middy
- 20 Claim
- 22 Provided food for
- 24 Ice cream truck brand: 2 wds.
- 27 No-tariff policy: 2 wds.
- 30 Things to do
- 34 Dishonest person
- 35 Sick
- 36 Aplenty
- 37 Fitting
- 38 “___ to go!”
- 39 Vinaigrette part
- 40 Cellist’s stick
- 41 Get control of: 2 wds.
- 43 Police alert: Abbr.
- 44 Tree with cones
- 45 Go in
- 46 Enthusiastic to a fault
- 48 Soldier of fortune
- 50 Goes ape: 2 wds.
- 53 Endured
- 57 Showy spring flower
- 58 Lot attendant
- 61 “Eek!”: 2 wds.
- 62 Horse’s hair
- 63 Actress ___ Noni Rose
- 64 12-inch unit
- 65 “Benevolent” group
- 66 Pry bar
- 67 Big to-do
- DOWN**
- 1 Indian rice pancake
- 2 She-sheep
- 3 Microscope part
- 4 0, 2, or -1
- 5 Writer who covers the past
- 6 “That’s a good ___!”

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Today’s Puzzle Solved

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- 43 NYC’s Madison, for one: Abbr.
- 44 Is fruitful: 2 wds.
- 46 Gas rating
- 47 Notable time period
- 49 Adversary
- 50 Margarita ingredient

- 51 Taken by mouth
- 52 Plummet
- 54 “How Great ___ Art”
- 55 Seth’s son in the Bible
- 56 Connect the ___
- 59 Actress Tyler
- 60 ___ out a living

Husband threatens suicide to delay divorce

Dear Eric: I am trying to divorce my spouse, but he is using suicidal ideation to get out of the responsibility. He was disappointed to receive my divorce petition. He contacted a bunch of people via text that day and got taken to the hospital by the police, who did a welfare check. He stayed there for three weeks.

Next, when I offered to try mediation, he enthusiastically pounced on it, but when the mediator explained that his process was much cheaper than standing before a judge, my spouse threatened to kill himself if he was ever brought to trial with our unresolved negotiations.

He wants me to accept a settlement that offers me about 15 percent of our shared wealth. I hate to set a precedent for future divorces where a person can claim they will try to kill themselves if certain conditions are not met in a divorce process. What is the most humane course of action here for the sake of humanity?

— Big Picture

Dear Big Picture: What your spouse is

doing is emotional abuse. He is trying to manipulate you and your emotions with threats of suicide. It’s good that he received some treatment after the welfare check, but that treatment needs to be ongoing. But at present it can’t be your responsibility to make sure he gets it. Moreover, for your own safety, it’s best if you rely on professionals or others to help him right now.

It may seem that, should you accept an unfair settlement, all this will clear up. I don’t think that’s true. His behavior is controlling. If you don’t have an attorney, it’s important that you consult with

one and shift all communication with your spouse to the attorney. You don’t need to be in contact right now. If you are still living in the same place, please reach out to family, friends, and/or the National Domestic Violence Hotline (thehotline.org, 800-799-7233) to help you get to a safe location while this is going on. Your husband’s threats are a danger to himself and to you. Please make use of the resources available to you — both legal and protective — as well as your support network to ensure your safety.



R. ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mosque leaders
- 6 Small taste
- 9 Serious TV show
- 14 ___ Polo
- 15 Athlete with a salary
- 16 Take it easy
- 17 Milan fashion label
- 18 Comedian Costello
- 19 Frighiten
- 20 Classic Springsteen song: 4 wds.
- 23 Tidy
- 24 Your and my
- 25 Ailment
- 28 Managed-care groups: Abbr.
- 30 Civic or Camaro
- 33 Dastardly
- 34 Place to buy novels
- 36 Tear to shreds
- 37 Extremely long time period
- 38 Sign of the future
- 39 Musical increase in loudness
- 42 Grow faint
- 43 For what ___ worth
- 44 Fedoras and boats
- 45 Oscillate wildly
- 47 Trash-talk
- 48 Deodorant soap brand
- 49 “Tell me more”: 2 wds.
- 54 Kitchen appliance
- 55 Thanksgiving veggie
- 56 Impolite look
- 59 Land area measures
- 60 Environmentally friendly prefix
- 61 Say aloud
- 62 “We hold ___ truths...”
- 63 Fox’s home
- 64 Chicks’ sounds
- DOWN**
- 1 Little demon
- 2 Damage

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Nephew only wants to play video games on vacation

Dear Eric: We live on a lake and love hosting our great-nieces and nephews on school breaks and the entire family on vacations. My husband and I have no children. Our niece’s families are dear to us.

Our 11-year-old great-nephew has been gaming now for about a year. When he comes to visit, instead of reading, playing cards or board games with us, like in the past, he wants to disappear with his video games.

We feel vacated. How do we navigate this with his parents who think his being on a video gaming team at school is awesome, and I think it is a bad omen? What is a fair place of compromise and balance?

— Game Off

Dear Game Off: Let his parents parent their child. The other night I rewatched the movie “Network” from 1977 (stay with me here; it relates). In it, a character in his 60s dismisses a character played by a young Faye Dunaway by saying, “She’s the television generation. She learned life from

Bugs Bunny. The only reality she knows is what comes to her over her TV set.”

Every generation has anxieties about the ways that technology is changing social interactions or altering the minds of the generations below. While some of those concerns are valid, those of Faye Dunaway’s generation (now in their 70s and 80s) would argue that they’ve managed to stay quite well-rounded, despite (and often with the aid of) TV.

In moderation, video games have been shown to improve a child’s cognitive function and working memory. While your great-nephew’s gaming might not be your choice, it’s important that you not seek to undermine the research and thinking that his parents have done about it.

What you’re really yearning for is a sense of togetherness as a family, so try talking to your niece and her spouse about group activities you can plan to meet your great-nephew where he is. And don’t be afraid to pick up a controller and ask him to show you the ropes.



R. ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Love is often accompanied by duty, social interactions, and delicate discussions. Your warmth and politeness might not be easily obvious to all. Those closest to you may be more likely to understand that your heart is in the right place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — In a time of change, possibilities for new interests and connections may become available. Unless you look for treasure, you may not find it. There might be an opportunity to look for something that may increase your financial security.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The people you consider to be near and dear could be an important factor as you face powerful changes. Let them know how much you value their love and encouragement. You might have more clarity from interactions with your support circle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may be fulfilling and memorable to do something that makes you happy so adjust your goals accordingly. The weight of a pressing obligation could soon be lifted from your shoulders, freeing you to try something you genuinely enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The viewpoint from which you see things may not be the most useful for others. Before you make a final decision, consider looking through different lenses to see more of what’s out there. You may find new and exciting options to take advantage of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may need to set appropriate boundaries. Practicing saying the word “no” in front of a mirror could make it easier to say no to things that aren’t aligned. Saying no doesn’t have to make you a villain; it can make you a

self-care superhero.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Imagine the limits you set as your trusty sidekicks. They may help when someone tries to guilt-trip you into doing something for them or attending a social event you couldn’t care less about. Set them, enforce them, and watch stress levels fall.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Life might throw various scenes at you; some heartwarming, others challenging. As the director of your own life story, you get to choose which scenes make it into your final cut. It’s okay to start prioritizing what truly matters to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Be careful of taking impulsive action before you’re ready. This may cause you to answer before you know the question or what they are looking for. Thinking before you say something could help to avoid the need to clean up mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You’ll usually have friends when you’re supplying the entertainment. Look for the people who stay around whether you’re doing something casual or over the top. The ones who remain by your side may be those who you can trust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — There is a fine line between waiting for the best moment and digging a rut. This could be your chance to clear the slate, ditch your comfort zone, and take a chance on a new opportunity. Embrace the new challenges that await you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may find disagreements to be draining of your energy and become exhausting. You could leave someone frustrated if you just walk away and refuse to engage, but that may be your best strategy. Listen to your intuition.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Demonstrating unwavering devotion to a cause could give you a chance to wave the flag and be a cheerleader. You may currently lack the necessary expertise in career planning or financial tactics but there could be an opportunity to learn the ropes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could have a strike of luck; you might not believe your good fortune when an old resource or forgotten asset turns out to have value. Lean into your intuition and judgment when assessing whether you’re right on target about an idea.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Decide on a project or a plan for your goals. You might have the drive and determination to follow through until it is completed. If a demanding role or situation doesn’t line up with your vision, feel free to edit the script accordingly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Ultimately, the only competition that counts is with yourself and who you were yesterday. Instead of watching another’s progress, focus on your own. If a new competitor enters the race, keep the rivalry healthy and let it propel each of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your competitive nature may be in good condition this weekend. This could be an excellent chance to funnel your energy into sports or try out a new exercise plan. Your leadership abilities might shine brightly when you are showing off hobbies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may put aside your own concerns to focus on uplifting someone’s spirit. Social outings or educational events could put you in touch with new and interesting individuals who might benefit from your knowledge and friendliness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — There may be sub-

jects too deeply personal to rationally debate with others. Decide whether you have the desire to sustain and continue with a friendship. You may let a subject slide into the background because you value and like a person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — As an adult, you can make your own choices. You’re not obligated to play every part or accept every request. Saying no could be thought of as an art form; when something doesn’t meet your standards, you can paint a different picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A broken clock is right twice a day, and you may have friends like that. One of their right times may be coming up so consider paying attention to the advice you receive. Someone close may see something crucial that you haven’t noticed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Getting back to your regularly scheduled program may be your biggest priority if you’re experiencing endless interruptions while trying to focus. The progress you have made recently might be swept away by making a foolish gamble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may use relentless determination and a passion for perfection to get a creative project off the ground. Reconsider taking a huge risk on what seems like a sure thing because you might not earn the profits you’re hoping for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Simple logic could clash with your sympathetic nature. Just as lighting can set the mood in a film, consider the emotional lighting in your life. Surround yourself with positivity, and don’t let negativity cast unwanted, long shadows.

Sengun, Rockets cruise past the Pacers 130-113

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Alperen Sengun had a season-high 31 points with 12 rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets to a 130-113 win over the Indiana Pacers Wednesday night.

The Rockets used a big run in the third quarter to push the lead to 21 entering the fourth and cruised to their sixth victory in seven games.

Jabari Smith Jr. added 23 points for the Rockets for his second 20-point game in the last four, and Fred VanVleet had 18 points and six assists.

Quenton Jackson had a career-high 24 points on

10-of-12 shooting for the Pacers, who lost for the fourth time in five games. Pascal Siakam had 19 points at halftime but only scored two more points the rest of the way.

TAKEAWAYS

Pacers: If Indiana is going to be successful this season, Tyrese Haliburton must be more effective. The two-time All-Star was 1 of 7 for four points after making just 5 of 18 shots against the Raptors on Monday.

Rockets: Houston has gotten off to a strong start this season thanks to a balanced scoring attack. The Rockets had five play-

ers in double figures as they improved to 11-5.

KEY MOMENT

A dunk by Myles Turner got the Pacers within three with about eight minutes left in the third quarter before the Rockets used a 12-3 run, with 3s from VanVleet and Sengun, to make it 82-70 less than three minutes later.

KEY STAT

The Pacers made just 5 of 22 3-pointers, while Houston made 12 of 36 attempts.

UP NEXT

The Pacers visit Milwaukee Friday night.

Reds’ Martinez only free agent to accept \$21M qualifying offer

BY RONALD BLUM
AP BASEBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Pitcher Nick Martinez was the only free agent to accept Tuesday among 13 players given \$21.05 million qualifying offers from their former clubs.

Those who declined were New York Yankees outfielder Juan Soto, Baltimore right-hander Corbin Burnes and outfielder Anthony Santander, Boston right-hander Nick Pivetta, Houston third baseman Alex Bregman, Arizona first baseman Christian Walker, Atlanta left-hander Max Fried, Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Teoscar Hernández, Milwaukee shortstop Willy Adames, and New York Mets first baseman Pete Alonso, left-hander Sean Manaea and right-hander Luis Severino.

Qualifying offers began after the 2012 season, and only 14 of 144 offers have been accepted. The price is the average salary of the 125 highest-paid

players in the just-ended season.

A free agent can be given a qualifying offer only once, meaning Martinez could become a free agent next offseason without compensation attached.

Martinez accepted the offer from the Cincinnati Reds after going 10-7 with a 3.10 ERA in 16 starts and 26 relief appearances while striking out 116 and walking 18 in 142 1/3 innings. He agreed in December to a \$14 million, one-year contract that included a \$12 million player option, which he rejected. Martinez is 37-45 with a 4.09 ERA in seven seasons with Texas (2014-17), San Diego (2022-23) and Cincinnati. Martinez spent 2018-21 pitching in Japan.

If a free agent who declined a qualifying offer signs with a different team, the acquiring club gives up at least one selection in the next amateur draft and possibly signing bonus pool allocation in the next international signing period.

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interception in the same game in the past 24 years since Champ Bailey did it in the NFL for Washington.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

3 — Teams for which Marquez Cooper has rushed for 1,000 yards. He reached the milestone this year at San Diego State, last year at Ball State and in 2021 and '22 at Kent State.

6 — Oregon State sacks, 30 fewer than it had through 10 games in 2023.

18 — Consecutive games Texas has forced at least one turnover.

133 — Florida State’s point total, fewest by an FBS team through 10 games in a non-pandemic season since Akron scored 106 in 2019.

373 — Passing yards Mississippi’s Jaxson Dart needs to break Eli Manning’s career school record of 10,119.

UNDER THE RADAR

Colorado State (7-3, 5-0 Mountain West) at Fresno State (5-5, 3-3), Saturday, 10:30 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)

The Rams’ rise has gone largely unnoticed outside the Mountain West. Coach Jay Norvell

was 8-16 in his first two years and entered this season feeling heat. CSU has secured its first winning season and first bowl bid since 2017 and now has its sights set on playing for its first conference championship since 2002.

A road win against Fresno and home win over Utah State would put the Rams in the MWC title game, likely against Boise State. If the Rams split their next two games, they would need UNLV to drop one of its next two. The Rams missed Boise State and UNLV in the regular season. If they take care of business, they eliminate the possibility of the MWC’s computer-ranking sys-

tem determining the matchup for the championship.

HOT SEAT

Neal Brown is perpetually on the hot seat at West Virginia. He was brought back in 2023 following back-to-back losing seasons and responded with a 9-4 campaign ending with three straight wins.

Now Brown’s Mountaineers sit at 5-5 after losing 49-35 to Baylor at home, where they are 2-4. A home game against UCF on Saturday and road game at Texas Tech next week loom large. Brown in the offseason signed a one-year contract extension, through 2027, that included a \$400,000 pay cut over the next three seasons.

LAUFER

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“At the beginning of the year, it was a little rough, just because I had a freshman coming in. I knew he was really good and there was a lot of pressure,” Laufer said. “It was rough early and I was not doing too hot, so I got a little worried. But the next meet, I kicked it into gear.”

Having teammates who can push you is one of the best advantages a cross country runner can have. Hoffman, the Courier’s Runner of the Year last year, already provided the Cubs with a strong 1-2 punch but having Crouch join the team gave Madison a near-unbeatable combination.

“It definitely provides companionship. I mean, there are days when it’s good for workouts because those guys are all inter-

changeable,” Madison coach Kris Sandlin said. “One person can lead for a certain part of the workout, then another person can lead, and they can take turns, and you know, they share the workload.”

Running at this level wasn’t something Laufer expected until more recently. A decent runner in junior high, it wasn’t until last year when he truly began to love the sport and his times began to drop. After placing 11th in the sectional as a sophomore with a time of 17:57.0, Laufer ran second this past year with a time of 16:17.3, an astounding drop of over a minute and a half.

“Running together (with Crouch and Hoffman) definitely helps just the motivation and the drive,” Laufer said. “They definitely pushed me, because I don’t think I would have ran those times without them pushing me.”

While Sandlin has been impressed with Laufer’s raw talent, he’s been more impressed with his approach to the sport. Even as he gets better and dedicates more time to running, Laufer has made sure to keep his priorities straight.

“Will, as a person, has this something that I, and a lot of his peers don’t have, which is a good balance,” Sandlin said. “Whenever he’s at practice, he’s there to practice. And whenever he’s outside of practice, he’s concentrating on that. He compartmentalizes his life in areas that don’t necessarily flow together. He has a good balance. We have other guys that get a little bit more focused, but I like his laid back mentality. That doesn’t mean he’s not trying any harder. He’s just a little bit more loose going into races, which can be good to just be relaxed and run your race.”

As Laufer has gotten

Kansas remains No. 1 in the AP poll

Kentucky jumps 10 spots to No. 9

BY JOHN MARSHALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kansas strengthened its grip on No. 1 in the AP Top 25.

The rest of the top 10 turned into a jumble of teams swapping places.

The Jayhawks picked up five first-place votes in The Associated Press men’s college basketball poll released on Monday, receiving 49 from a 61-person media panel. No. 2 UConn had seven first-place votes, No. 3 Gonzaga earned two and No. 4 Auburn three. Iowa State climbed two spots to round out the top five.

The shuffling started with No. 8 Alabama’s 87-78 loss to No. 6 Purdue, a game that dropped the Crimson Tide six spots and bumped the Boiler-makers up seven. Losses by Duke and Arizona shook up the top 10 further.

The No. 12 Blue Devils dropped six spots from last week after their 77-72 loss to No. 9 Kentucky. The Wildcats climbed 10 spots for their first top-10 ranking this season. Arizona lost 103-88 at No. 19 Wisconsin and fell eight spots to No. 17. The Badgers are ranked for the first time this season.

Kansas backed up its win over North Carolina in the season’s opening week by beating Michigan State and Oakland last week.

UConn continued to roll in its bid for a third

straight national championship, blowing out Le Moyne 90-49. Gonzaga crushed UMass Lowell, Auburn rolled over Kent State and Iowa State beat Kansas City by 26.

No. 7 Houston moved up a spot bouncing back from a 74-69 loss to Auburn by blowing out Louisiana-Lafayette.

BUILDING BADGERS

Wisconsin had to reload its roster after an upset loss to James Madison in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

Coach Greg Gard filled the holes with some solid additions through the transfer portal, but the Badgers were still picked to finish near the bottom of the Big Ten.

The projections may have been off.

After rolling through three easy wins against smaller conference schools, Wisconsin made a few waves by running over Arizona. John Tonje scored 41 points, two off the school record, and the Badgers never trailed in a convincing win over a top-10 team that led to a passionate post-game speech by Gard.

IN AND OUT

No. 25 Illinois joined Wisconsin as the only teams to move into the top 25. The Illini knocked off Oakland 66-54 last week.

Ole Miss dropped out from No. 25 despite beating South Alabama and Colorado State last week. Ohio State fell from No. 21

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Kentucky. The Panthers will face Berry (Ga.) on Friday and host Centre on Saturday. The Panthers then travel to Berea next Wednesday.

CUBS ROLL OVER DEARBORN

Madison girls basketball hammered South Dearborn 66-32 at home on Tuesday.

Juliana Davis had 25 points and seven steals for the Cubs, Addison Roark had 11 points and four assists, Kylie Montgomery had 10 points

and five steals and Mylee McQueary just missed a double double with eight points and 12 rebounds.

Madison, now 3-0 on the season, hosted Lawrenceburg on Thursday and hosts Salem Saturday. The Cubs then play Southwestern on Wednesday in the annual Turkey Shootout at Salm Gym in Madison.

REBELS WIN 4TH-STRAIGHT

Southwestern’s girls basketball picked up a 69-37 win at Clarksville on Tuesday for the Rebels’ fourth-straight win.

Mikayla Nussbaum had 18 points to lead the Rebels while Harlee Hill had 16 points and 10 rebounds,

Rorie Scroggins had 16 points and eight rebounds, and Olivia Simpson had 10 points, six steals, six assists and five rebounds.


Southwestern, now 4-1 on the season, hosts South Dearborn on Saturday and heads to Madison next Wednesday for the annual Turkey Shootout.

SHAWEE FALLS TO SOUTH CENTRAL

Shawee dropped a tight 66-65 loss at South Central on Tuesday in girls basketball.

Shawee, now 2-2 on the season, hosts Franklin County on Saturday and hosts Christian Academy of Indiana on Tuesday.

reach state. I was very unhappy with myself at the regional meet,” Laufer said. “And I want that school record. It’s a big, big achievement that I want.”



**MEETING NOTIFICATION
PROPOSED CHANGE OF
ZONING MAP**

An unfavorable recommendation by the Plan Commission of the City of Madison has been forwarded to the Common Council of the City of Madison to disapprove the request for the City of Madison Zoning Map to be modified so as to change the zoning of the following listed property from the current zoning classification of General Business (GB) to Medium Density Residential (R-8).

Address 2317 Lanier Dr
Parcel I.D.
39-08-21-443-009.000-007

The proposal is included in the agenda of the City of Madison Common Council for December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination before the hearing in the Office of Planning, Preservation & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the commission before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard at the December 17th at 5:30 p.m. City Council meeting in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.


Raymond Dibaya, Associate Planner/Secretary
Madison City Plan Commission

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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SCHOOL CORPORATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation will receive bids for the following: Copiers for use at Jefferson Craig Elementary, Switzerland County Elementary, Switzerland County Middle School, Switzerland County High School, and the Switzerland County Administration Office. Sealed specification responses are due to Switzerland County School Corporation, 1040 W Main Street, Vevay, IN 47043 and should be marked "Sealed Specification Response for Copier Bids". Responses are due by **Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 1:00 pm.** Bids will be opened at 1:00 pm at the Administration Office that same day. Recommendation will be made at the School Board meeting starting at **6:00pm on Monday, December 16, 2024.** Specifications and bid process are available on our website at <https://www.switzerland.k12.in.us/documents> and click on 2024 Copy Machine RFP. Questions concerning the Request for Proposals (RFP) should be directed to John Sieglitz at 812-427-2518 or jsieglitz@switzsc.org. The Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids in part or in whole and to waive any irregularities. Kathryn Collier, Secretary
Switzerland County School Board of Trustees 1040 W. Main Street., Vevay, IN 47043
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**LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing for
Special Exception**

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals on December 3, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at the Jefferson County EMA Building, located at 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana, will conduct a public hearing for a Special Exception.

Interested persons may appear in person or by counsel to present their views upon the proposed application for a Special Exception. Written comments or objections to this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals at/or before the hearing and will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as the Board may deem necessary. A copy of the application of the Special Exception is on file in the Jefferson County Plan Commission Office at 315 Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Madison, Indiana, for public examination. The Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Office can be contacted at 812-274-3928 or by email at taylor.baulac@jeffersoncounty.in.gov

The Nature of the Special Exception is:
Request to build a 20' x 48' Pole Barn type enclosure with one bathroom and one bedroom to be used to host out of town family, party barn or potential Grandmother's suite.

At the following commonly known address: 11991 West SR 250, Deputy, IN, 47230 In Graham Township and more fully described at Sec 35, T 5 N, R 8 E

Application submitted by: Rodney and Lisa Phillips

By order of the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Appeals Attest: Taylor Baulac, BZA Secretary/PC Administrator

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**LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA, BOARD OF
ZONING APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., at the Jefferson County EMA Building, located at 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana, 47250. The purpose of the meeting is to hear an application for a Special Exception, filed by Rodney and Lisa Phillips, property located at 11991 West SR 250, Deputy, IN, parcel number 39-05-35-000-013.000-001, Graham Township, AG District. The Board of Zoning Appeals may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Taylor Baulac, Administrative Staff, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals.

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Blue Jays hire ex-Reds manager Bell

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays have hired former Cincinnati Reds manager David Bell as vice president of baseball operations and assistant general manager.

The Blue Jays announced the move Friday.

Bell will oversee the play-

er development and physical and mental performance departments, while also contributing to strategic planning and player evaluations and acquisitions, the team said.

He will report to executive vice president of baseball operations and general

manager Ross Atkins.

Bell spent the past six years managing the Reds before they fired him with five games left in the 2024 season.

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**Notice to Saluda Township
Tax Payers**

The Saluda Township Advisory Board will hold a meeting on December, 4th 2024 at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the Community Christian Outreach Church 6133 S Hwy 62 in Chelsea. This is the voting location for Saluda Township Voters. Meeting agenda will cover the building of a community center/emergency service station at the Saluda Township Park.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA PLAN
COMMISSION TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE**

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission Technical Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 5:45 P.M., at the Jefferson County EMA Building, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana, 47250. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss possible changes to Solar Development Ordinances. The Plan Commission may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION. By: Lynette Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission.

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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2411-ES-000071
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
EMILY CAROLINE SCHURICK, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2024, Daniel Schurick was appointed personal representative of the estate of Emily Caroline Schurick, deceased, who died on June 21, 2024.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 8th day of November 2024.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen

Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court (seal)

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2411-EU-000073
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
MARK WILCOCKS, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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2025 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

Eli Manning, Gates, Allen headline semifinalists

BY JOSH DUBOW
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Two-time Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning, prolific tight end Antonio Gates and dominant pass rusher Jared Allen are among the 25 modern-era candidates for the 2025 Pro Football Hall of Fame class.

The Hall announced the semifinalists on Wednesday after the selection committee cut down a list of 50 nominees made by a newly created screening committee. The list includes six players in their first year of eligibility and 10 players who were finalists last year.

The full selection committee will reduce the list of candidates to 15 finalists who will be voted on at the annual meeting before the Super Bowl that will produce the new class. Players must get 80% of votes to make the Hall, with between three and five players getting in as modern-era candidates.

There also will be votes for three seniors candidates, one contributor and one coach, with between one and three people from that group getting into the Hall.

Leading the group of candidates in their first year of eligibility were Manning, former Defensive Player of the Year Luke Kuechly and

Terrell Suggs; postseason kicking hero Adam Vinatieri; three-time Pro Bowl safety Earl Thomas; and two-time All-Pro guard Marshal Yanda.

Gates and Allen headline the group of returning finalists from last year, along with receivers Torrey Holt and Reggie Wayne; offensive linemen Willie Anderson and Jahri Evans; defensive backs Darren Woodson, Eric Allen and Rodney Harrison; and running back Fred Taylor also advancing.

The returning semifinalists are receivers Anquan Boldin, Steve Smith and Hines Ward; defensive lineman Robert Mathis and Vince Wilfork; linebacker James Harrison; and running back Ricky Waters.

Offensive lineman Richmond Webb, who retired following the 2002 season, made it to the semifinal stage for the first time. Guard Steve Wisniewski is a semifinalist for the second time, having reached the stage in voting for the class of 2014.

Manning will look to follow his brother Peyton into the Hall following a standout career with the New York Giants. Manning was picked first overall in the 2004 draft and spent his entire career in New York. He led the Giants to an upset win over the undefeated New England Patriots in the Super Bowl following the 2007 season, throwing a game-winning TD pass to Plaxico Burress in the final minute.

He led another late TD drive to upset Tom Brady and the Patriots four years later. Manning is one of 13 QBs to win multiple Super Bowls, with eight of the nine who are eligible for the Hall getting inducted. Only Jim Plunkett has not been inducted, along with more recent players such as Brady, Ben Roethlisberger and Patrick Mahomes, who aren't yet eligible.

Manning was a four-time Pro Bowler but never made All-Pro or led the league in a major statistical category in a season. He finished

his career with 57,023 yards passing and 366 TDs.

His best moments came during those two postseason runs. Manning joined Brady (five), Mahomes (three), Joe Montana (three), Bart Starr (two) and Terry Bradshaw (two) as the only multiple winners of Super Bowl MVP awards.

Gates played only basketball in college before turning into one of the NFL's top tight ends after being drafted by the Chargers. He became an All-Pro in just his second season in 2004. He was an All-Pro again the next two seasons and went on to have a 16-year career with the team.

Gates finished with 955 catches for 11,841 yards and an NFL record for tight ends with 116 touchdown receptions.

Allen was a four-time All-Pro who finished his career with 136 sacks, including a league-leading 22 in 2011 for Minnesota.

Kuechly and Suggs were among the top defensive players of their era, with Kuechly selected as the top defensive player in 2013 and Suggs in 2011.

Kuechly's career was brief but impactful. The first-round pick by Carolina in 2012 was an All-Pro five times, with seven Pro Bowl nods and a Defensive Rookie of the Year award.

Over his eight-year career,

Kuechly led all linebackers in the NFL in tackles (1,090), takeaways (26), interceptions (18) and passes defended (66).

Suggs was one of the top pass rushers in the league over his 17-year career, with his 139 sacks ranking eighth since he became an official stat in 1982.

Suggs had seven double-digit sack seasons in his 16 seasons with Baltimore, including 14 in 2011 when he was selected as the top defensive player in the league and led the NFL with seven forced fumbles.

Vinatieri was one of the most clutch kickers in NFL history, making the game-winning field goals in the first two Super Bowl titles during New England's dynasty. He helped launch the run with one of the game's greatest kicks — a 45-yarder in the snow to force overtime in the "Tuck Rule" game against the Raiders in the 2001 divisional round. He made the game-winning kick in OT to win that game and then hit a 48-yarder on the final play of a 20-17 win in the Super Bowl against the Rams.

Vinatieri is the NFL's career leader in points (2,673) and made field goals (599) over a 24-year career with New England and Indianapolis. He also leads all players with 56 field goals and 238 points in the postseason.

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